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Fisherman presumed dead after boat rolls over at port

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

A man is missing and presumed drowned after his boat overturned Saturday night at the Port of Sacramento. The incident happened sometime around 8 p.m. just west of the port's turning basin, south of Parkway Boulevard and the United Grocers facility, said Division Chief Jim Medich of the West Sacramento Fire Department.

"There were three people – a father, grandmother and boy," said Medich. "They had been parked on the south side of the channel and thought the fishing would be better on the north side, so they used a boat to go across."

The boat was "very small -- about the size of a bathtub," he added. It had a small outboard engine, and it sufficed to get them across. The accident came on the second of two return trips.

"The father had already dropped his son back on the south side in one trip, and had returned to pick up the grandmother. They didn't make it very far from shore when the boat overturned. He was unable to swim," said Medich. The man was also not wearing a life preserver.

The boy apparently didn't see the mishap, as he may have been warming himself in the family's pickup truck. The woman made it to shore, but the situation became complicated by a language barrier.

"She is Vietnamese and speaks no English," said Medich. "She got to the shore and walked to a nearby group of fishermen, who gave her a ride in their vehicle to the police station, we think, and they may have found that closed and taken her next door to AMR, the ambulance company. The police department was called, and when she pointed out to them where it was, they called (the fire department) and our fire boat responded."

Police logged in the incident at 8:23 p.m. and started trying to determine what had happened. The fire boat was summoned at 8:57 p.m., said Medich, and was trailered to the site and put in the water by 9:08 p.m.

Also called to help look for the man were helicopters from the Sacramento police and a local sheriff's unit, and a diving rescue team.

"We found the overturned boat, we found life vests, but we never found the victim," said Medich. "It's cold water. We treated it as a rescue operation for probably the first two hours, and then it became a 'recovery' operation."

The victim's identity wasn't immediately available.

On location:

TV miniseries puts local sites on stage

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

The business and magic of movie-making have been in West Sacramento for the past couple of weeks.

Local motels on West Capitol Avenue have played a role -- presumably as motels.

West Sacramento's Riverwalk Park helped show off the Sacramento waterfront.

And West Sacramento's new civic center earned a supporting role as some kind of security firm in New York this week.

West Sacramento's use as a "location" is for the production of a made-for-television miniseries, explained Kryss Rankin, executive assistant to city manager Toby Ross.

"It's a four-hour miniseries called 'Gone But Not Forgotten,' based on a novel," said Rankin. "It's being done for the Hallmark channel and is supposed to air in the spring. Brooke Shields is the lead, and there is also Scott Glenn, Marilu Henner and Lou Diamond Phillips."

Shields and Glenn, at least, were on hand at the city hall location on Monday. The film crew forbade media photographs of the cast.

"The story is that Brooke Shields plays a young lawyer just getting started out, who winds up on retainer with a rich, powerful man," added Rankin. "She wonders why he put her on retainer. Lo and behold, he turns up as a suspected serial killer, with bodies popping up from years past."

Some locals took a turn as "extras" in the production, added Rankin – including herself and her husband, along with city employees Marjorie Dussault, Penny Miceli and Jim Elrod.

"I was an extra in a restaurant scene (shot outside of West Sacramento) and I was walking back and forth in an office scene," said Rankin. "The story is set in several places – one is Sacramento. Boston is another setting. At our office today (at city hall), they took down the California flag out front and flew a New York flag."

Film crews are often sought in order to stimulate the local economy. But did the city earn any money renting out city hall?

"They gave us a $500 donation," Rankin said, "and we're going to put it towards the senior center."

Rankin added that Brooke Shields has earned a reputation as "very nice" around the city hall set.

'Wait til next year': Library supporters plan to try again

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Supporters of an expanded West Sacramento library branch were dealt a setback last week when state officials bypassed the local request for a share of $350 million in available bond money. But the Yolo County librarian and others hope for a second chance at funding approval next year.

West Sacramento has deeded land to the county library system near the present branch at Merkley Avenue for a bigger local library. And the county has drawn up plans for an $11.2 million construction project, to be done with hoped-for help in the form of $7.1 million in state library bond money.

But requests from 65 other jurisdictions, with requests for a total of $547 million in total assistance, have outstripped the available $350 million, and the second of three rounds of project selection passed without money earmarked for West Sacramento.

"The project was ranked 'very good'," said Yolo County Librarian Mary Stephens. "They funded all the 'outstanding' applications, but not all the 'very good' projects. The deadline for the next application cycle is January, and we are revving up for completing an application."

When could a new library be built?

"Had we been funded (by the state last week), I think it could have been open in January of '06. We're going to lose six or eight months."

Stephens said the county's application for funding at the West Sacramento site contained provisions of joint use with the local school district which were not, apparently, serious enough to score points with the bond money oversight committee.

"We need to strengthen our partnership with the school district," she said.

Oscar Villegas, a West Sacramento city council member and activist for the expansion project, agreed with that last statement.

The funding rejection last week "is a huge problem, but not insurmountable," said Villegas.

""It was rough, like getting your heart torn out," he added. "It's like driving all the way to Disneyland to find out your favorite ride is out of order – but you also know you can drive back to Disneyland at a later date."

Villegas said the library project needs to include a deeper commitment for school district use and school district resources in order to pass muster with the state. That commitment may have been too late in coming to the last round of bond money applications, he said, because the district and city had different views of where the library ought to go.

The district leaned towards a site in conjunction with a planned new high school, Villegas related, while the city saw an expanded library as part of a downtown revitalization effort. All parties are now clear on the most viable site, said Villegas.

"The commitment to the library has to have money and resources," he said, "and not just be a 'lip service' agreement. We're going to have to see money and staff resources earmarked to make the library an integral part of what the school district is offering in education. What was missing in the last application was a commitment of resources – to say, 'we want a learning center in the library' is fine, but it needs more substance and commitment."

Villegas added that he has talked to school board members and the current superintendent, Patrick Campbell, and believes that just such a commitment is shaping up in time for the next round of library funding.

Free check-up



Free blood pressure screenings, provided by Kaiser Permanente, were part of the Sehnior Health and services Fair at the West Sacramento Civic Center last Wednesday. Health services advice was also available from federal agencies, the office of Yolo County Supervisor Mike McGowan, and the West Sacramento Senior Center, at the event whose honorary chairman was Congressman Mike Thompson.

Photo courtesy of Art Schroeder, City Manager's Office

Port ordered to re-assess impacts

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

A local community group was awarded $23,000 in legal fees from the Port of Sacramento after it sued the port over the environmental impacts of a cement-handling facility. The judgment also forced the port to engage in more environmental study of a planned cement facility expansion.

West Sacramento resident and attorney Kimber Goddard, representing the West Sacramento Quality Urbanization and Development group, said the port's environmental review for the project was found inadequate October 24 by Judge Lloyd Connelly of the Sacramento Superior Court.

The port was ordered to perform more studies of the air and water quality, traffic and noise impacts of the proposed A&A Cement project at the port's West Sacramento terminals. It was also ordered to pay Goddard's legal fees.

Unexpected new losses for port —

In a memo to the governing board of the Port of Sacramento last week, the port's controller reported that the facility suffered a net loss of $757,187 in the first three months of the current fiscal year. The port's budget projected a profit of $365,124 for the same time period.

Controller Drew R. Houghton said revenues are down due cargoes that were "delayed or not materializing," and that cargo-handling costs were over budget.

Houghton called the loss "very disappointing," but added that "at least half of the revenues not attained in the first quarter are not lost and will still be earned in this fiscal year."

Plans to buy railroad: on track

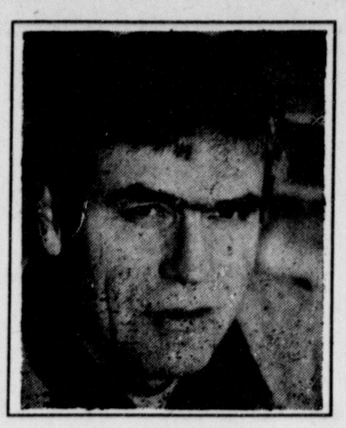
By Steve Marschke
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A City of West Sacramento plan to buy – and close – the former Yolo Shortline Railroad appears to be near fruition. For $5.25 million, the city hopes to purchase the rail line reaching from near

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A 'Page from the Past' incident, recalled

My Back Pages



By Daryl Fisher

One of the best read pages in the *News-Ledger* is the "Page from the Past", which takes our readers back to the early decades of the 1900s and lets them see what was making local news in that long-ago era. I personally like to read it because of all the interesting advertisements which usually appear, reminding me that there was once a time when you could get a full-course Italian meal for 40 cents, or a new suit of clothes for $15, or three large cans of milk for a quarter, or 49 pounds of flour for $1.90. Some of the news articles can be really interesting, too, but I usually gloss over them in favor of the nostalgic advertisements. However, I may have to re-think my "Page from the Past" reading priorities after having received the following letter in the mail earlier today:

"Dear Daryl: As you'll recall, in 1998 you wrote a column about my parents, longtime West Sacramento residents Tony and Millie Frates, which centered on my dad's rescue from the torpedoed troop ship "Leopoldville" during World War II. I'd like to suggest another column idea for you -- which also involves my father -- and a "Page from the Past" story that ran in the October 15th issue of the *News-Ledger* entitled, 'Fake Revenue Men Get Colored Youth Into Trouble'. Although the page wasn't dated, it was apparently from March of 1922, and the incident involved my grandfather, John Frates (the original family surname having been Freitas).

"Here's what I know: Grandpa immigrated from Maderia, Portugal, early in the 20th century and in 1922 he was working at the Southern Pacific machine shops in Sacramento and living in Bryte. One of his hobbies was making his own wine and whiskey, which was not uncommon in those Prohibition days. (I even understand that he once spent six months in the hoosegow after being ratted out by a jealous competitor)

"Anyway, apparently two ne'er-do-wells from Sacramento knew of Grandpa's hobby so they went to the family home in the Riverbank district (near what is now the intersection of Riverbank Road and Harbor Boulevard in the Bryte area) and misrepresented themselves as being federal agents. They had Grandpa go outside to the pump house (perhaps that's where the still was) and threatened arrest or worse if he didn't come along with them. The "agents" finally got Grandpa to pay them $20 and some liquor, and he told them he would pay them more at a later date.

"About two months later, the fake federal agents contacted the young man mentioned in the article, one Paul Jones of Sacramento, and persuaded him to help with the collection of additional money from Grandpa. They all drove to Riverbank, and the original two waited in the car on the levee road while Jones (with gun in hand courtesy of his two companions) went to the Freitas/Frates house. However, this time Grandpa and some friends were ready for them -- with shotguns. They captured Jones, turned him over to the local constable, and although the other two men escaped, they were subsequently apprehended when they later tried to pull the same thing on another fellow.

"Although my dad was only about six-years old when these events occurred, he definitely remembers them and I'm sure he would have plenty of additional details if you think they would make for an interesting column. Very truly yours, Bob Frates."

Having really enjoyed Bob's letter (not to mention that I am a sucker for anything that has to do with the history of West Sacramento), I quickly put a call in to his father, Tony Frates, and said, "So, I hear an old story involving your dad was in "Page from the Past" a few weeks ago?"

"That's right," said Tony, a longtime subscriber to the *News-Ledger*, "and I can still remember that night like it was yesterday. It was very dark outside and my mother was really worried about my dad being out there since there were guns involved and everything, but it wasn't long before he and some of our neighbors brought this young black man into the house and called the sheriff. It was also a very cold night and I remember how that poor fellow was shivering and trying to warm his hands by the fire that we had going in our old wood stove. It turned out that he just thought he was supposed to be helping the other two get some money that was owed them and the sheriff let him go a few days later. But the other two guys were basically con men and robbers and they ended up in the Woodland jail -- and I guess it was a pretty big deal back then judging from the big write up it got in the local newspaper."

"Talking about the Woodland jail," I said, "your son's letter also mentioned that your father spent some time there himself for making his own wine and whiskey during Prohibition days. Is that true?"

"Actually," said Tony with a laugh, "back in those days my dad and quite a few of his neighbors were given legal permits to make 200 gallons of wine every year for their own personal use. I guess he must have gone over his limit or something, but all I really remember about the time he spent in jail was how much fun it was."

"Spending time in the Woodland jail was fun back then?" I asked Tony with interest.

"Well, since my dad hadn't really done anything too serious," explained Tony, "they didn't put him in a cell or anything like that. In fact, all the time he was there he lived downstairs in the basement. And for a couple of those summer months when I wasn't going to school, I actually went there and stayed with him to keep him company. I was only about eight or nine at the time, and they let me bring all my toys and even let me set up my toy train on one of the tables upstairs in the mess hall. It was definitely a different time back in those days."

"So, just what kind of wine did your dad make back then?" I asked.

"The very best!" Tony assured me.

Six local artists show their stuff

By Betty Fairbairn Sokolich

Six members of the West Sacramento Art Guild are exhibiting in the meeting room of the Arthur F. Turner Library, 1212 Merkley Avenue, during the months of November and December.

The exciting part of the exhibit is the diversity and variety of creativity, media and vision. Graphic literal art is hanging next to colorful watercolors and oils; Pop art is adjacent to realism; bright colors are beside black and white.

Stella Caluya used oil paint in her two paintings. "Still life on a Summer Evening" has gorgeous, glowing complimentary colors blended beautifully to achieve a three dimensional feeling. "Mendocino" captures the quaintness of the arty town.

Three graphic artists, Bill Leak, John Ohlson, and Roger Rehm see the world more in the values of black and white and the in between gradations of gray rather than in color, though Rehm has an exception with his "Tilted Panel". He is a social statement artist who takes items and icons of our culture and isolates them in a lonesome environment. Montage and drawing is used by Rehm for his tribute to "Kandinsky".

John Ohlson has a gem of a black and white woodcut, "Mount Dana", which reveals the majesty of the mountain, in a range near Yosemite. Block printers are few and far between nowadays, though woodcuts have been an art form for hundreds of years.

A dramatic close-up of one side of an elephants face is a spectacular view of the huge animal's body that makes you zero in on the texture of his hide and gives you a feeling of the elephant's personality. Bill Leek uses charcoal to achieve the feeling of the texture. He also created "Bookmarks" with ink and watercolor in a delicate and elegant manner with soft colors.

Helen Sieber's favorite season of the year is autumn with the brilliant reds, oranges, and yellows contrasting with blues to inspire her creative energy. The painting "Paria Canyon" reveals the majesty and beauty of the canyon with the dramatic space and height of the canyon walls. "Hunter's Paradise" is her husband, Bill Bowman's favorite as it reminds him of many happy hunting experiences.

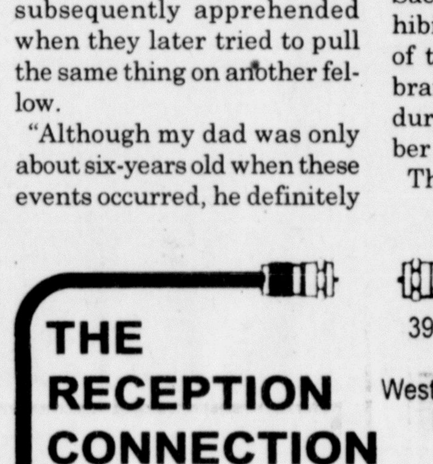
Betty Fairbairn Sokolich is exhibiting four watercolor paintings created on a recent trip to Arizona. Among them are "Guardian", "Welcome Gate", and "Red Cliffs by the Water Edge", which was produced by a trip to the White Mountains in Northern Arizona.

There will be two receptions for the exhibit, November 8th and December 13th, from 6-8 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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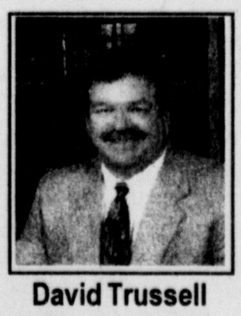
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First find out what the "margin" is. The margin is profit for the lender. It is fixed for the life of the loan and can never be changed. If the margin exceeds 3.5%, look elsewhere. Secondly, look at the "Index." The index is a measuring device to determine the borrower's payment on adjustment dates. There are some traditional indexes -- the 11th district cost of funds (COFI), the 6 month and 1 year treasury bill, Certificate's of Deposits (CDs), and many more. Some are better, some worse.

All ARMs must be tied to some kind of index outside the lender's control. You add the margin plus the index and that becomes your payment (fully indexed rate, or FIR). There are safeguards to ensure that your payment won't go through the roof, and these are called CAPs. This ensures that your payment can only increase a certain percentage per year, and cannot exceed a certain interest rate ever. Usually the "lifetime" CAP tends to be no more than 5-6% above the start rate. So when shopping for adjustable rate mortgage, keep in mind the margin you have, and you usually can pick the index you want. Get a ten-year average of the index to show how the trend of that index is, so that you can potentially predict what your payment could be in the best of times and the worse of times.

Historically, the fully indexed rate tends to be about .25 to .375 below a fixed rate in any given market. Also, it's important to note that your payment on an adjustable rate mortgage is based on the principle loan amount each month. So as the principle loan amount decreases so can your payment, even if your fully indexed rate increases. HUMMM?!

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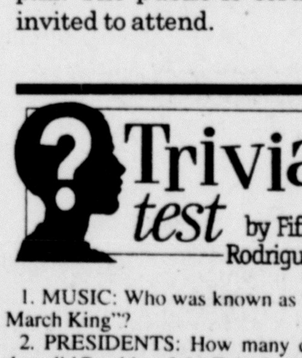
Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MUSIC: Who was known as "the March King"?
2. PRESIDENTS: How many children did President John Tyler have?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the Statue of Liberty primarily made of?
4. MYTHS: In Roman mythology, who was the twin brother of Romulus?
5. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "To Kill a Mockingbird"?
6. THEATER: The play "M. Butterfly" won a Tony award in what year?
7. LANGUAGE: A muscat is a type of what?
8. SCIENCE: Mariology is the study of what?
9. HISTORY: In what century was the Thirty Years War fought?
10. INSECTS: What is a group of ants called?

Answers
1. John Philip Sousa
2. 14
3. Copper
4. Remus
5. Harper Lee
6. 1988
7. Grape
8. The Virgin Mary
9. 17th century
10. A colony

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SPORTS

Raiders: league record now 2-3

By Troy Turner

The River City Raiders are now 2-3 in league play as they lost last Friday evening to the Rio Linda Knights 29-13 on a cold and foggy night. The Raiders got on the scoreboard first as Jeff Hope capped off a 60-yard drive by scoring from 1-yard out. Kevin Cheechov kicked the extra point and with 3:10 left in the first quarter, the Raiders led 7-0. On the ensuing kickoff Nino Freitas recovered a Rio Linda fumble giving the Raiders ideal field position, but they could not score.

During the second quarter Rio Linda had a sure touchdown but Clayton Jones stripped the ball away from the Knight runner at the 1-yard line. Mario Cardenas fell on the loose ball and the Raiders got the ball back.

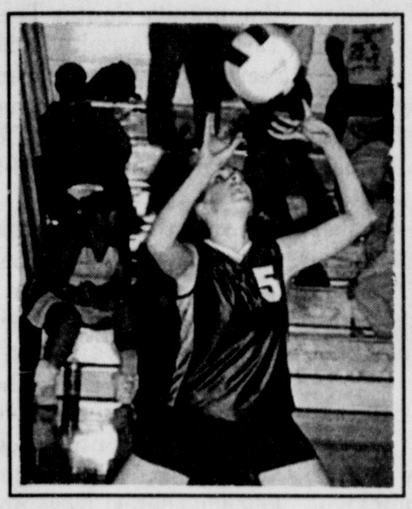
With 1:40 left in the half, Carlos Santos recovered another Rio Linda fumble and on the very next play, Aaron Garner hooked up with Clayton Jones for a 47-yard touchdown pass, increasing the Raider lead to 13-0 at intermission.

All was going well for the Raiders as they came out to start the third quarter, but Rio Linda scored two touchdowns in the period and took a 14-13 lead. In the last quarter they continued to control the ball and scored twice more, giving them a 29-13 victory.

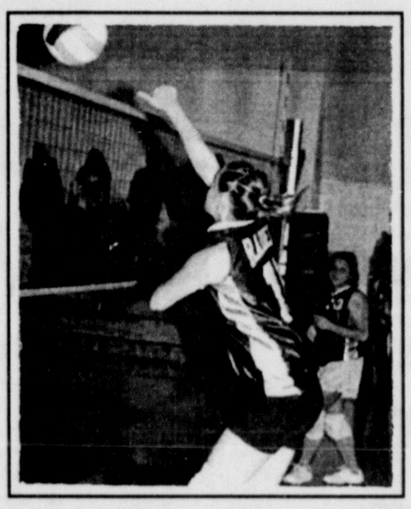
The Raider JV team also dropped their game 8-0. It was a close contest, with Rio Linda scoring the only touchdown of the game late in the third quarter.

River City's last home game of the season is this Friday night against the Foothill Mustangs, who are ranked #7 in the Sacramento Valley.

V-ball at RCHS



River City High's Brittany Olliphint (left) sets the ball for her Raider volleyball teammates. The effort came during a team loss.



Middle left: Raider Kristy Read goes up to make a play.

Bottom: varsity teammates Shelby Kantar, Amber Jones, Breanne Olliphint and Miriam Lopez.

Photos by Barry Blacklaw



SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa

NFL Action

The heavily favored Oakland Raiders (2-6) traveled to Detroit last Sunday, after enjoying a bye week, to suffer another loss but this time it was to the lowly Lions 23-13. The Silver and Black have hit rock bottom and their remaining schedule looks pretty tough. Players are ready to mutiny and coach Callahan seems to be losing control of the ship. The Raiders have some serious internal problems that need to be addressed before the season slips away. The Raiders flag is at half-mast and the ship is sinking!

Marques Tuiasosopo was suppose to fill in at quarterback for the injured Rich Gannon but his first NFL start turned in a Halloween nightmare. Tuiasosopo second pass was intercepted by Detroit and his performance got progressively worse. The Raiders finished the game with third string quarterback Rick Mirer at the helm after Tuiasosopo suffered a serious injury to his left knee. Rick Mirer will start this week and Tee Martin will be the back up at QB!

The Raiders will host the New York Jets (2-6) next Sunday (1 p.m.) at the Oakland Coliseum with the loser of the contest pretty much eliminated from the playoffs. Seven losses at this stage of the season is the kiss of death for the playoffs. The good news is the game is not sold-out so prepare for another blackout in the Sacramento area.

The 49ers (4-5) on the other hand will go into their bye week after a convincing 30-10 spanking of the St. Louis Rams. The Niners also entered their game with a back up quarterback but Tim Rattay's fortune was a little better than Tuiasosopo. In his first NFL start Rattay completed 19-29 passes for 236 yards and three touchdowns. Rattay was masterful in directing the 49ers offense hitting nine different receivers and keeping Owens happy at the same time. The offensive line provide Rattay with a little more time to pass but it was the rushing attack that opened the doors for the 49ers offense. Hearst, Barlow and company combined for 165 rushing yards. Now rushing for that yardage will give any quarterback time to pass!

The 49ers offense, defense and special teams finally showed up to play football on the same day! The best news of the day was the Niners' new kicker, Todd Peterson, who received a standing ovation from the sold-out crowd at Candlestick for kicking a 44 yards field goal, but mostly notably for kicking two extra points.

My dog's NFL picks last week were buried in the back yard with his old dog bones. Yes, Aztec missed 3 out 4 picks and I'm delighted to send him back to the doghouse and take back the weekly NFL duties,

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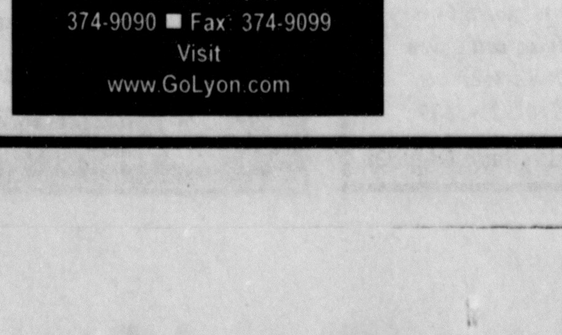
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ADORABLE 2 bed, 1 bath cottage on corner lot in the [illegible] streets. Gorgeous hardwood flo[illegible]dated bath, new paint inside [illegible]ke yard, open kitchen with tile [illegible]rs & corner window. $202,500, 400 Alameda Blvd. Perry & Jina, 425-1270 PENDING!

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The rarest courage is the courage of thought.
—Anatole France

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Laws are like sausages. It is better not to see them being made.
—Otto von Bismarck

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Nothing is as terrible to see as ignorance in action.
—Goethe

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1. Who was the original manager of the Texas Rangers?
2. Todd Zeile has played for 11 major-league teams in his career. With what team did he start?
3. Three NFL head coaches have, since 1966, won 40 or more games by the time they turned 40 years old. Name them.
4. How many undefeated NCAA champions have there been in Division I women's basketball?
5. Who scored the last goal against famed goaltender Patrick Roy before he retired after the 2003 NHL playoffs?
6. How many medals did Gertrude Ederle, the first woman to swim the English Channel (1926), win in the 1924 Olympics?
7. Who was the last PGA player before Ernie Els in 2003 to win the opening two events of the season?

Answers on back page

We should measure affection, not like youngsters by the ardor of its passion, but by its strength and constancy.

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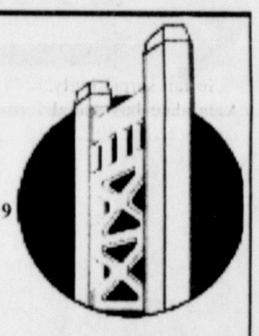
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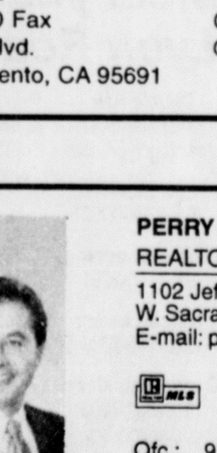


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'Across the Bridge':

Events around the West Sacramento region

American Indian awareness

Western Shoeshone Spiritual Elder Corbin Harney will share his experiences gathered while walking lightly upon the earth on November 17th at 12 p.m. at the Sacramento City College auditorium, 3835 Freeport Boulevard. He is working towards bringing awareness that "we only have one air, one water, one mother earth."

Toys for Tots

Toys for Tots will be at the Sacramento Zoo from November 28th to December 21st. Bring one new, unwrapped toy and receive free admission to the zoo for one child. The Sacramento Zoo is located near the corner of Land Park Drive and Sutterville Road in William Land Park and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Holidays at Governor's Mansion

This year celebrate the holidays by visiting the Governor's Mansion State Historic Park. On the weekends of December 6-7 and 13-14, enjoy live holiday music, take a photo with Santa, and docents will also be on hand to answer your questions. The park is located at the corner of 16th and H Street in downtown Sacramento. For admission prices and more information, call 323-3047.

Genealogical association meets

The Genealogical Association of Sacramento will meet at 1 p.m. on November 19th at the Belle Colledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive in Sacramento. The program will be "Researching in Newspapers." Visitor and new members are welcome. For more information, call 682-8004.

Pastel Society meets

The Pastel Society of the West Coast will hold their 12th Bi-Annual Associate Membership Show November 4-29 at Gallery One, 291 Auburn-Folsom Road in Auburn. For gallery hours and more information, call Joan at 985-6023.

Free haircuts

The Sacramento City College Cosmetology Department will offer free haircuts or a manicure with a canned food donation November 4-7. Appointments from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. may be scheduled by calling 558-2595. All work is done by students and is supervised by instructors. The Cosmetology office is located on the SCC campus at the corner of 12th Avenue, directly across from William Land Park in Sacramento.

Opera performance

Sacramento Opera presents "Hansel and Gretel" by Englebert Humperdinck on November 21, 23 and 25 at the Community Center Theater, 13th and L streets in Sacramento. Tickets range from $25 to $97. For more information, call the Community Center Theater box office at 264-5181.

1/4 mile dirt oval racing

It was 23 years ago when the last checkered flag fell at West Capitol Speedway where the racing was always fast, furious, and side-by-side. The tradition continues, however, with Sacramento Raceway hosting dirt oval racing on the following dates: November 15 and November 29. Gates open at 4:30 p.m. and the first race is a 7 p.m. General admission is $10, pit passes are $25, and race entry is $35. Sacramento Raceway is located at 5303 Excelsior Road in Sacramento. Call 366-7368 for more information.

Alzheimer's society meets

The Alzheimer's Aid Society of Northern California Support Group for the Memory Impaired will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in November at 10:30 a.m. at the Alzheimer's Aid Society Office, 2641 Cottage Way, Suite #4 in Sacramento. For more information on other related groups and meetings, call 448-7001.

Widowed persons meet

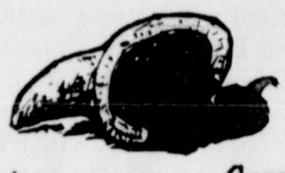
The Widowed Persons Association of California encourages widowed men and women to come to Sunday Support get-togethers each Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at the Widowed Persons Association office, located at 2628 El Camino Avenue, Suite D-18.

Activities include bowling, brown bag opera, needle and thread, breakfasts, dinners, golf, card games, dancing and traveling. For more information, call 972-9722.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Decisions involving your finances might seem to be foolproof. But they could have underlying risks you should know about. Don't act on anything until all the facts are in.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're attracted to a situation that appeals to your Bovine intellect. And that's good. But don't neglect your passionate side when romance comes calling later this week.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A recent development enhances that special relationship. Spending more time together also helps make the bonding process stronger. Expect news about a possible career change.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A suspicious situation should be dealt with before it leads to serious problems. Get all the facts needed to resolve it. Then refocus your energies on those tasks that need your attention.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Try to be more open-minded in working toward a resolution of that standoff between yourself and a colleague or family member. A little flexibility now could work to your advantage later.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might feel a bit threatened by a proposed workplace change. The best way to deal with it is to ask questions. You'll find that those involved will be happy to provide you with the facts.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Feeling alone in a crowd during the early part of the week is an unsettling emotion. But your spirits soon perk up, putting you into the right mood to start making holiday plans.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A pesky problem should be dealt with immediately so you can put your time and effort into something more important. Someone from your past could have significant news for you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) High-energy aspects dominate, both on the job and at home. Use this time to put some long-range plans into operation. Things level off later in the week.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Even the usually gregarious Goat might feel overwhelmed by a flurry of activities early in the week. Be patient. Things soon return to your normal social routine.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Career choices that seem too confusing to deal with at this point probably are. More information would help uncomplicate them. On the personal side, a friend might need your advice.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your Piscean imagination is stimulated by possibilities you see in a new opportunity. But keep those ideas to yourself until you feel ready to translate them into a workable format.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have an ingratiating way of helping people deal with their fears. Have you considered a career in social work or with the clergy?

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News-Ledger Directory *of* Local Places *of* Worship

Anna Street Baptist Church Rev. Norman Pollitt, 371-6560 1400 Anna St., W. Sac. Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. http://www.forministry.com/95605ASBC	**Community Lutheran Church** Rev. Marjorie C. Beach, Pastor 920 Drever St., 371-8804 10am Worship/Sun. School Friendly, family, inclusive language. The 'come as you are' church.	**Seventh Day Adventist Church** H. Eugene Miller, Pastor, 334-9315 2860 Jefferson Blvd., W. Sac. PO Box 447, W. Sac. 95691 Sat. Sabbath School 9:30am Worship 11am 372-6570
First Baptist Church Gary Clements, Pastor Sun. Worship 9:45am Sun. eve. fellowship 6pm Jr/Sr High Youth Mon. 6:30pm Home Bible Studies Tues. 7pm Awana (K-6) Wed. 6:30pm Boy Scouts (11-18) Thurs. 6:30pm Men's Prayer Fllwship Sat. 8am 1511 Delaware Ave. 371-4061	**Trinity Presbyterian Church** 1500 Park Blvd., W. Sac. Rev. Steve Whitney (916) 371-5875 Service: Sunday at 10 a.m. including children's programs	**Holy Cross Catholic Church** 1321 Anna St. near Todhunter 371-1211 Rev. Chad Puthoff, SDS Sat. Vigil 5pm (English) Sun. 9 (English) Noon & 7pm (Spanish) Mon. 8:30am, Tues-Wed 7am, Thurs. 6:45 (Spanish) Fri. 8:30am
First Southern Baptist Church Sun. School 9:30am Sun. Worship 11am, 6:30pm Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 2124 Michigan Blvd. 371-2111	**Southport Community Church** James Allerton, Pastor 2568 Industrial Blvd. 10:30 a.m. Children's Programs Wkly Small Grp Bible Study Great Music www.southportcommunity.com 372-7818	**Westside Covenant Church** 371-3933 Meeting Sunday at 10 a.m. at Westfield Village Elementary School 508 Poplar Ave. West Sacramento
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The lack of money is the root of all evil.

—Mark Twain

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Tact is the art of making a point without making an enemy.

—Anonymous

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RAIL from p. 1

the Stone Lock bridge past the southern edge of the city limits.

The seller is Sierra Railroad, which itself recently acquired the former Yolo Shortline.

Why is the city buying the line?

"There are three main reasons," said Christopher Cabaldon, mayor of West Sacramento. "The first and most time-sensitive is that the school district is concerned about having an active rail line next to their proposed site for a new high school. This acquisition would take care of the danger of losing state funding (for the school construction) because of that."

The second reason, said Cabaldon, is that it has become expensive to put new roads across the rail line as long as it is active – and new homes in the region are demanding new roads across the rail line.

"The Public Utilities Commission has made it clear that it will not approve any more at-grade crossings, and that would cause us to build crossings over the railroad instead," Cabaldon said. "A single bridge over the railroad would cost as much as this acquisition."

And the final reason to buy the north-south line, said the mayor, is that the city can use it for other things.

"The third reason is that our plan for the Southport region has always envisioned the short line being a recreational trail and potential future transit alignment – light rail, bus rapid transit, trolley, something like that."

Cabaldon and the city council are scheduled to authorize city manager Toby Ross to negotiate the sale at tonight's council meeting. On Nov. 12, the council plans a public hearing on the purchase financing.

School bond: $50-$60 million

Local taxpayers would help build new West Sac high school

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Following a Monday-night school board meeting, plans remain on track for a $50-to-$60 million school bond issue on West Sacramento's election ballot in March, reports one board member.

At the meeting of the Washington Unified School District board of trustees, the board and public heard from the district's facilities consultant and its staff members. This bond measure talk centered around a need for a new high school facility to replace the aging and overcrowded River City High School campus.

Board member Irene Eklund on Tuesday said the bond measure could go up for a local vote as early as March.

"We're going to discuss it again at our meeting on the 20th, but March is definitely not being written off," Eklund said.

She added that district officials still hope to close a deal to purchase land for the new high school by early 2004. The district has long been in negotiations with owners of property near Linden Road and Jefferson Boulevard in the city's Southport area.

The board has been told that $50 million will be needed to build the high school, although up to $60 million could be sought.

"These ballpark figures depend on whether we decide to do some things at some of the other schools. For instance, we have a real issue with parking lots at the schools. They are too small for the expanded faculty sizes. We don't want to make the bond so big that it's unmanageable and unsellable, but that $10 million difference (between a $50 or a $60 million bond measure) is because of that potential 'wish list' for other schools."

Asked for comment, Mayor Christopher Cabaldon yesterday repeated earlier cautions against pursuing the bond measure in March, saying one or two major state bond measures could be on the same ballot, including a state school bond. He worried that a March bond measure may not pass.

"It's a problem to ask voters twice on the same ballot to authorize ballots for schools," he said. "There is also a real possibility that there will be a multi-billion dollar bond proposition from the new governor on the March ballot to deal with the state budget crisis. This is too important to roll the dice."

Eklund lobbied against delaying the local measure.

"Every time you postpone this, you postpone the new school by a year," she said. "People do know how crowded the high school is."

TEST DRIVE by Greg Zyla

2004 Suzuki Aerio AWD
Base price: $14,999
Price as tested: $17,299

This week we test-drive the sporty 2004 Suzuki Aerio Sedan SX, an award-winning effort in the highly competitive premium compact segment. While the four-door SX has an SUV look with a fifth door rear hatch, Suzuki defines it as a "radical five-door sport crossover." We also emphasize up front that this car is a lot of vehicle for the money, and fun to drive.



Our SX came with Suzuki's QuadGrip all-wheel-drive system (front-wheel drive is standard on Aerio models), a nice addition to a vehicle priced in the mid-teens. Suzuki touts how the QuadGrip technology senses when more power needs to be transferred to the rear wheels, whether it's because of snowy conditions or simply to accelerate on a rain-slick street. We had no snow to test it in, but last year, we tested an '03 model during severe winter weather, and its AWD system was flawless. We went while others didn't.

The Aerio has more power in '04, increasing displacement to 2.3 liters and upping the horsepower by 10 to 155. Noteworthy is the DOHC, 16-valve, four-cylinder all-aluminum design. We still feel the engine is a bit weak, quickly winding out upon acceleration, but give the 2.3 credit for creating peak torque at a low 3,000 rpm, which translates into quick acceleration for passing or merging.

The braking system, while having power discs up front, has drums in the rear. Four-wheel anti-lock brakes are an option.

As for safety, the Aerio SX AWD comes standard with driver- and front-passenger airbags, front and rear side-impact door beams, and three-point driver and front passenger safety belts with pretensioners. Also, Aerio earned a "Best Pick" from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety for its performance in the 40-mph frontal offset crash test.

Our black and gray interior was functional and somewhere in that wide spectrum between plain and flashy. There were two noteworthy items: First, the front-door windows have separate, short triangular sections where they meet the front windshield — like a pickup truck. It makes for a unique design and improved vision out the sides. Secondly, we loved the low, thin instrument panel. It tightly groups all the important gauges in one area, which fits perfectly in the view you get through the opening in the top of the steering wheel. However, the low dash does require a noticeable glance down — and off the road — to read gauges.

Standard amenities include air conditioning, outside temperature display, power windows, right-side moveable driver armrest (we loved this), split-folding rear seat, power mirrors, remote trunk release (sedan only) and tilt steering wheel. The AM/FM/CD player has a new seven-speaker system that features a pair of dash-mounted tweeters for an added "crispness." The SX and the LX sedan add cruise control, power locks, remote keyless entry, height-adjustable driver's seat, below-seat storage and 15-inch aluminum alloy wheels with P195/55R15 tires.

The Aerio is covered by a 100,000-mile, seven-year powertrain limited warranty that's fully transferable to succeeding owners and free of deductibles for covered items. That's on top of a 36,000-mile/three-year new vehicle limited warranty.

Other important numbers include fuel mileage ratings of 24 mpg city and 29 mph highway for the AWD (the front-wheel-drive SX gets 25 mpg and 31 mpg, respectively), 2,932-pound curb weight, 13.2-gallon fuel tank, 10.2 cubic-feet of cargo space with the rear seat up and 63.7 with it down, and a 166.5-inch wheelbase.

Combining its great gas mileage, safety and get-around size, the Aerio seems the perfect "second" family vehicle, or the ideal wheels for a college-bound youngster. We give it an eight on a scale of 10.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Most people know that the consequences of not scheduling regular follow-ups on patients who have undergone treatments for serious conditions can be tragic. Yet, according to a recent report by Mark Benjamin, a CNN correspondent, and a concurring account from veterans' advocate Steve Robinson, executive director of the National Gulf War Resource Center, this is what has been happening to wounded and injured military personnel at Fort Stewart, Ga.

These men and women have complained not only of difficulties in getting follow-ups and other treatments — sometimes waiting for months to see a doctor — but have also described living conditions as "substandard." (A spokesman for Fort Stewart says the description is inaccurate: "Spartan" or "austere" would be the terms he would use.)

Robinson says he was so concerned by what he had seen that when he returned to his office, he called the House Veterans Committee about his findings. Robinson's actions, along with CNN's decision to go ahead with Benjamin's story, may well have prompted the Pentagon to form an investigative team and to report back with their conclusions. As I write this, there's no word yet on what the team found or what the Pentagon plans to do with whatever was uncovered. Meanwhile, the spotlight has been turned on this situation; let's hope no one tries to push it back into the dark.

Write to Freddy Groves in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send an e-mail to letters.kfws@hearstsc.com.

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JewelQuest by Miss Bijoux

Shop Smart

DEAR MISS BIJOUX: How can I be sure that I am buying quality and not paying too much when I buy jewelry for my girlfriend. I don't want to talk with a salesman who will give me a lot of information and pressure me. I want to make the decision on my own. Any suggestions? — *Mel in Dallas*

DEAR MEL: The No. 1 complaint Miss B receives from men is being talked down to by jewelry sales personnel. They just don't seem to get the message that shopping for jewelry is humbling, because often one can't afford what is worth buying, or one is sent running for cover from a deluge of intimidating information.

Give yourself credit. You know what you like, which means what appeals to your eye and what you'd like to see her wearing. Therefore, the challenge for you is to ascertain if what you like is genuine and if the price is fair. The best place to start is the best store in your area. You want to see what top-of-the-line goods look like and the prices they bear and then go from there. Once you find an attractive piece coupled with an agreeable price, you can move forward.

Your next concern is the quality of that item. The more disparity between the best goods and what you are prepared to settle for, the less valuable your item is. Ultimately, your only assurance of genuineness is a certificate from an independent grading laboratory if a gemstone is involved, or a written guarantee from a reputable dealer for all other merchandise.

Even if you are spending, say, $500, you should obtain an explicit receipt from the jeweler that recites all the representations that led you to make your purchase, such as stating that the stone(s) is genuine; its weight; the grade of color, clarity and cut; the nature of any enhancements; and identifying the metal and giving the fineness of gold or the content of silver.

In the final analysis, you must rely on a jeweler to validate your purchase.

Send questions to Miss Bijoux in care of King Features Weekly Service, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803, or e-mail her at letters.kfws@hearstsc.com.

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Don Flood

Candidate Stakes Out an Issue

As a public service to the citizens of this country, during the next year I will be making a serious examination of the major issues facing us.

If my mission succeeds, I would like to think that, next November, when it's time to go to the polls, people will have a better understanding of why they're staying home on the couch eating Cheez-Its and watching cartoons.

The first issue — and what many people consider the overriding issue of this campaign — is of course: time travel.

So far, surprisingly, only one major candidate has stated forthrightly his position on this issue — Wesley Clark.

He's all for it!

In the following quote that is not made up, Clark, Democratic candidate for president, said: "I still believe in E=mc2, but I can't believe in all of human history, we'll never ever be able to go beyond the speed of light to reach where we want to go. I happen to believe that mankind can do it."

Well said, Mr. Clark, and may I be so bold as to suggest a running mate who has traveled through time: Mr. Peabody, who with his assistant, Sherman, successfully operated the Way-back Machine on the "Rocky & His Friends" TV show.

Besides being an experienced time traveler, Peabody has the advantages of being extremely knowledgeable, widely respected and, most importantly, a cartoon dog (which may account for his success with time travel).

If an aging action-movie hero like Arnold Schwarzenegger can revitalize California's electorate, think what a cartoon dog could do to bring our nation's youth back to politics.

(Legal note: Our Constitution includes no article forbidding a dog — even a cartoon dog — from running for president, unlike cats, ferrets and gerbils — though these critters are still allowed to serve in Congress, where several ferrets have, in fact, served with distinction.)

Some cynics speculate that Wesley Clark's interest in time travel may be related to his late arrival in the race.

With the aid of time travel, many fictional political observers point out, Clark could spend an eternity visiting bygone ages and civilizations to build support and raise money.

(Think about being the first candidate from the future to hit up King Midas for a campaign contribution!)

I am prepared, however, to accept Clark's statement as evidence of a sincere enthusiasm for an endeavor that would do much to help America move confidently into the future.

Right now, America faces a crossroads. We read, we debate, but we still wonder: Will Ben and J.Lo get married or not?

Recently, Ben referred to Jennifer as his "girlfriend," not as his fiancee. What does that mean?

Without a reliable time travel machine, we have no way of knowing.

Call me a cockeyed optimist, but I truly believe that if we are able to commit the resources of this great nation to the goal of time travel, then we will — and not that far in the future — be able to send a whole ton of money down the hopper.

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Collecting by Larry Cox

Q. I have a pair of Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis cuff links that are probably from the 1950s. Who can I contact to see how much they might be worth? — *Julia, Thornwood, N.Y.*

A. Eugene Klompus is president of the National Cuff Link Society, P.O. Box 5700, Vernon Hills, IL 60061. For a second opinion, you might want to contact Michael A. Platt, a dealer and owner of Onthe-Cuff, 512 N. Spruce Street, Valley, NE 68064.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- The leatherback turtle has no shell.
- In 1876, a U.S. mayor predicted that one day, there would be a phone in every city.
- The speed of solar winds has been measured at 1 million miles per second.
- Those who study such things have determined that the chocolate-chip cookie actually came before the chocolate chip. In Whitman, Mass., in the 1930s, Ruth Wakefield ran the Toll House Inn. She was baking butter cookies and decided to add chocolate to the cookies instead of the usual nuts, so she chopped up a bar of semi-sweet chocolate and stirred the pieces into the batter. The cookies were an instant hit. Eventually, Wakefield made a deal with Nestle: The candy company would provide her with a lifetime supply of chocolate, and in exchange it got the right to print her cookie recipe on the chocolate packaging. Cooks continued to use chopped-up chocolate bars in the recipe until around 1940, when Nestle developed the chocolate morsel.
- Cats have three eyelids.
- The world's first coffee house was in Constantinople (now known as Istanbul, Turkey). The year was 1475.
- It was Mark Twain who observed: "There are several good protections against temptations, but the surest is cowardice."
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which include the control of the TV remote control. In week 10, I like the Giants (-10) over the Falcons, the Bengals (-5) at home over those pesky Texans and the Colts (-5 ½) beating the Jags in Florida. On Monday night the Pack (-2) will freeze out the Eagles in Green Bay.

Kings Korner

The Sacramento Kings (2-1) started the 2003/04 season with a pair of victories last week starting with a 106-92 win over the Cavs followed by a blowout of the 76ers on Halloween night. On opening night the Kings beat up the Cleveland Cavaliers but the young rookie sensation, LeBron James had a field day against the Kings. The youngster scored 25 points grabbed 6 rebounds and had 9 assists. King James ran the court like he owned Arco Arena. The Kings didn't put much defensive pressure on James and at times the game seemed like a pick up game in the old neighborhood.

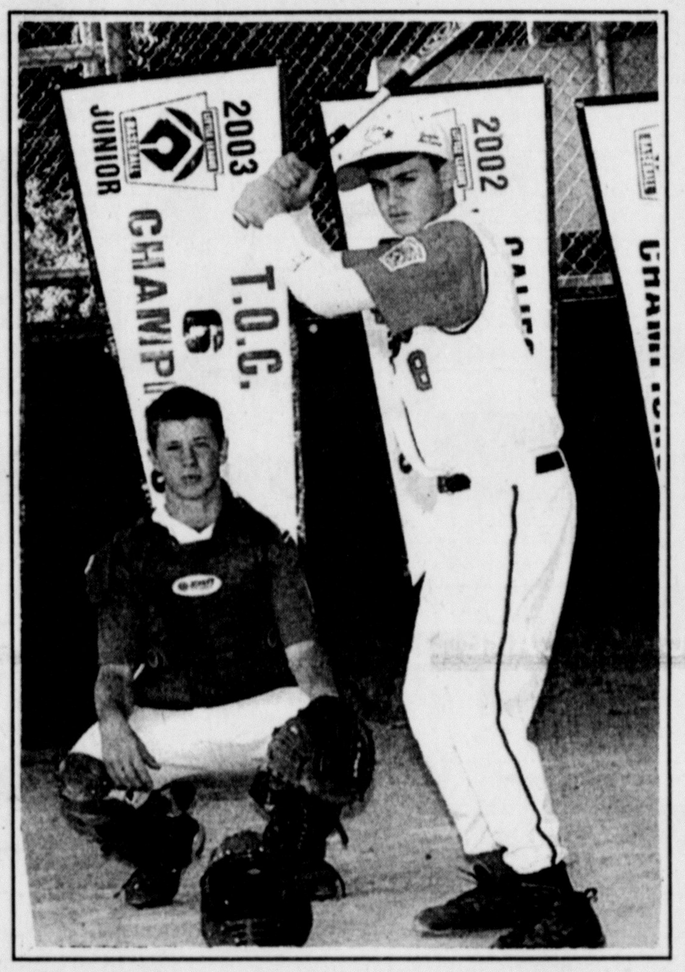
On Friday night the Kings won 100-89 handling Allan Iverson and the Sixers with ease but the teams success came to a shocking halt in Denver on Saturday night. The Nuggets caught the Kings on the second night of back to back games and they really put it to the Kings 109-88. Kings looked and played like they were a sleep at the wheel. Another rookie in Denver, Carmelo Anthony, torched the Kings for 23 points, 6 rebounds and 5 assists.

In Denver Peja Stojakovic lead all Kings players for the third consecutive game scoring 19 points but it was center Brad Miller who continues to impress and demonstrate his all around abilities scoring 13 points while grabbing 12 rebounds in the losing cause.

The Kings will be on the road this week playing on Wednesday night (5 p.m. -ch.10) in Minnesota and on Friday night (4:30 p.m.-ch.10) in New York against the Knicks. The Silver, Purple and Black will finish up their East Coast road trip on Sunday (3 p.m.-ch.10) in Boston before they head home to host the Detroit Pistons (7 p.m.) on Tuesday, October 11th.

See ya next week!

REPEAT CHAMPS



Cody Blevins (catcher at right) and Kenny Leash (infielder, pictured with bat) were on this year's West Sacramento Little League team that won the local league's fifth division championship in five years. These two players are the only two to have been on the winning squad all five years.

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MEN'S HEALTH

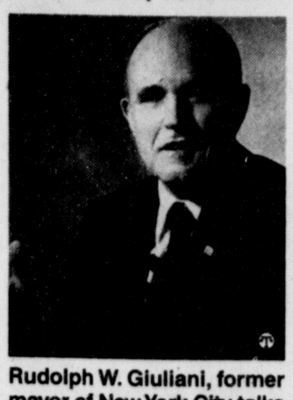
"A 10-Minute Test Could Save Your Life, It Certainly Saved Mine"

(NAPS)—"Why is it that men will make up any excuse to avoid getting tested for prostate cancer? What are they thinking? That what they don't know can't hurt them?" asks Rudolph W. Giuliani, former mayor of New York City and prostate cancer survivor. "The truth is, what they don't know can hurt them. It can even be fatal."

According to a recent *U.S. News and World Report* interview, Giuliani learned he had prostate cancer on April 26, 2001. "The doctor came into my office at Gracie Mansion and began giving a description of the biopsy findings, did a drawing of the prostate and showed me exactly where the cancer had been found. My head was swimming. Shortly thereafter, I found myself making a speech and posing for a hundred photos with diplomats just outside the room in which I had learned that a deadly cancer, the same disease that had killed my father at age 73, had been found in me."

Recently, Giuliani became the honorary chairman of the National Prostate Cancer Coalition (NPCC) to assist their efforts to raise awareness and promote annual doctor visits for prostate screenings. Each year in America, about 190,000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer. That alarming figure equals enough men to fill Yankee Stadium three and one-half times. About 29,000 of those men die from the disease each year.

According to the NPCC, men have a one in six chance of getting prostate cancer—one in three if their father or brother had it. In fact, some



Rudolph W. Giuliani, former mayor of New York City talks about being a prostate cancer survivor.

experts say that if men lived long enough, all would eventually experience prostate problems. African-American men have the highest risk and are twice as likely to die from prostate cancer as other men.

Giuliani, described as "America's Mayor" and named *Time* magazine's "Person of the Year" in 2001 for strengthening the American people's hopes during the worst disaster on U.S. soil, emphasizes to this day that his most life-altering experience was being diagnosed with prostate cancer.

"If you're over 40 or in a high-risk group, talk to your doctor and get tested. Don't put it off with dumb excuses. You see, with prostate cancer, catching it early is everything. Catch it early and your chances of survival may be 90 percent or better. But you have to get tested," says Giuliani. "It takes 10 minutes. And it could save your life."

For more information about prostate health or to learn more about National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, log onto www.pcacoalition.org.

Women's Health Alert

Actresses Call On Government To Keep Silicone Breast Implant Restrictions

(NAPS)—Women in entertainment gathered in Beverly Hills, California recently to call on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to stop the silicone breast implant approval process. They also described, in anguishing detail, their own problems with the devices. They hope to bring the truth to light about the sicknesses they have had, and how their onset took more than four years to debilitate them.

The FDA is considering one company's application to lift restrictions on sales of silicone gel breast implants using less than three years of clinical trial data. Health problems begin, on average, seven to 10 years after implantation, say scientists and physicians. As Dr. Edward Melmed, a noted plastic surgeon to Hollywood celebrities has observed, "For the first five years, most of my patients did not complain of problems. The second five years, about half of the women were having some problems. At 10 to 15 years after implantation, nearly all my patients were sick in some way and wanted the implants removed."

Celebrity women who have been sharing their stories in an effort to prevent others from making the same mistake include Oscar nominee and Golden Globe winner Sally Kirkland, Mary McDonough and Judy Norton from "The Waltons," Leigh Taylor Young ("Dallas," "Picket Fences,"



Former "Waltons" star Mary McDonough and other actresses are raising awareness of the ongoing health problems associated with silicone breast implants.

Slackers), Linda Blair (*The Exorcist*) and Mariel Hemingway (*Manhattan, Star 80*).

Their stories followed a similar pattern. All reported that their health deteriorated over time. While some suffered moderate pain and others got seriously ill, all of their problems began years after augmentation.

"I didn't make the connection between the implants and the illnesses for years," said McDonough, the founder of In the Know, a health advocacy group which sponsored the celebrity event. "The crushing headaches, the constant flu-like symptoms, joint pain and other problems got increasingly worse over time."

For more information or to find out how to contact the FDA on the issue, visit the In the Know Web site at www.intheknow.org.



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The following person is doing business as Integrity Axle & Tire Company, 147 Elm Street, Woodland CA 95695:

Rodger Hutchinson, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/01/03.

/s/Rodger A. Hutchinson

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Date: Oct. 24, 2003
by: /s/Carol Grein, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Sep. 26, 2003
File No. 2003-874

The following person is doing business as Pioneer Real Estate; Pioneer Mortgage, 2647 Emerald Bay Dr., Davis CA 95616:

Shahab Sean Baghebaan-Rezvan, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/2003.

/s/Shahab Sean Baghebaan-Rezvan

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by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Sep 24, 2003
File No. 2003-870

The following person is doing business as Ziggyrama.com, 3216 Maui St., West Sacramento CA 95691:

James R. Eidson III, same address.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9/24/03.

/s/James R. Eidson

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Date: Sep 24, 2003
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct 8, 2003
File No. 2003-923

The following person is doing business as EP Logistics, 206 Maedell Way, Woodland CA 95695:

Miguel A. Reyna and Betsy Reyna, 206 Maedell Way, Woodland CA 95695.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above 10/8/03.

/s/Miguel A. Reyna
/s/Betsy Reyna

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by: /s/Freddie Oakley, Deputy Clerk

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Order means light and peace, inward liberty and free command over one's self; order is power.
—Henri Frederic Amiel

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Know how to do good a little at a time and often.
—Baltasar Gracian

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File No. 2003-865
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is(are) conducting business as: ADVANCE AMERICA / ADVANCE AMERICA, CASH ADVANCE CENTERS, 353 West Main, Unit B, Woodland, CA 95695

Advance America, Cash Advance Centers of California, LLC, 135 North Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29306

Business Classification: a limited liability company

Beginning Date of Business: The Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 1, 2003.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

Signature of Registrant: ROBERT SHAW, TAX DIRECTOR, 2003-07-18

Corporation Name: ADVANCE AMERICA, CASH ADVANCE CENTERS OF CALIFORNIA, LLC, Official Title: TAX DIRECTOR

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Yolo County on September 23, 2003.

News Ledger
CN690583 Oct 15,22,29, Nov 5, 2003

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 6, 2003
File No. 2003-903

The following person is doing business as Big Valley Metals, 620 Houston St. #1, West Sacramento CA 95691:

Linda Vela, 2642 Decker Way, W. Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/15/2003.

/s/Linda Vela

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Date: Oct. 6, 2003
by: /s/Lupe Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 2, 2003
File No. 2003-888

The following person is doing business as WyoTech, 980 Riverside Parkway, West Sacramento, CA 95605:

Titan Schools, Inc. (formerly known as WyoTech Acquisition Corp.), a Delaware corporation, 6 Hutton Centre Drive, Suite 400, Santa Ana, CA 92707.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on:

/s/Stan A. Mortensen, Sr. V.P. & General Counsel
Titan Schools, Inc.

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by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Patience is a necessary ingredient of genius.
—Benjamin Disraeli

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct 9, 2003
File No. 2003-927

The following person is doing business as Sweet Dreams, 532 N. Hobson Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95605:

Stan Bailey II, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10-9-03.

/s/Stan Bailey II

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Date: Oct. 9, 2003
by: /s/Cruz Nevarez Ortiz, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 21, 2003
File No. 2003-968

The following person is doing business as SOS Trucking, 1856 Olvera Dr., Woodland CA 95776:

Steven Nixon and Susan Nixon, same address.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above 10/16/03.

/s/Susan Nixon

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Date: Oct. 21, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF HEARING
NOVEMBER 17, 2003

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider the following matters on Thursday, November 17, 2003, at West Sacramento Civic Center, Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at the times as specified or as soon thereafter as the matters may be heard.

5:30 p.m.

Item #1

Presentation and Discussion of Ordinance 03-19 Amending the Tree Ordinance of the City of West Sacramento

Amendments to the City's Tree Ordinance have been prepared. The primary substantive changes are to lower the threshold for Heritage and Significant trees from 100 inches circumference to 75 inches (any tree) and 50 inches (Native Oak). In addition, the amended ordinance will require an inch per inch replacement for removing the above trees. This workshop will review the proposed amendments and Commission comments will be forwarded to the City Council for their consideration.

/s/Stephen M. Patek, Director
Community Development Department

If you challenge any of the above items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of West Sacramento at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Nov 5

PUZZLES & COMICS

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Amber Waves

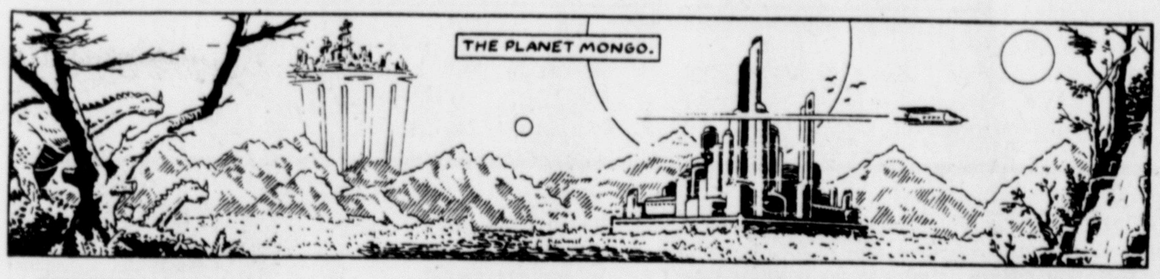
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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering





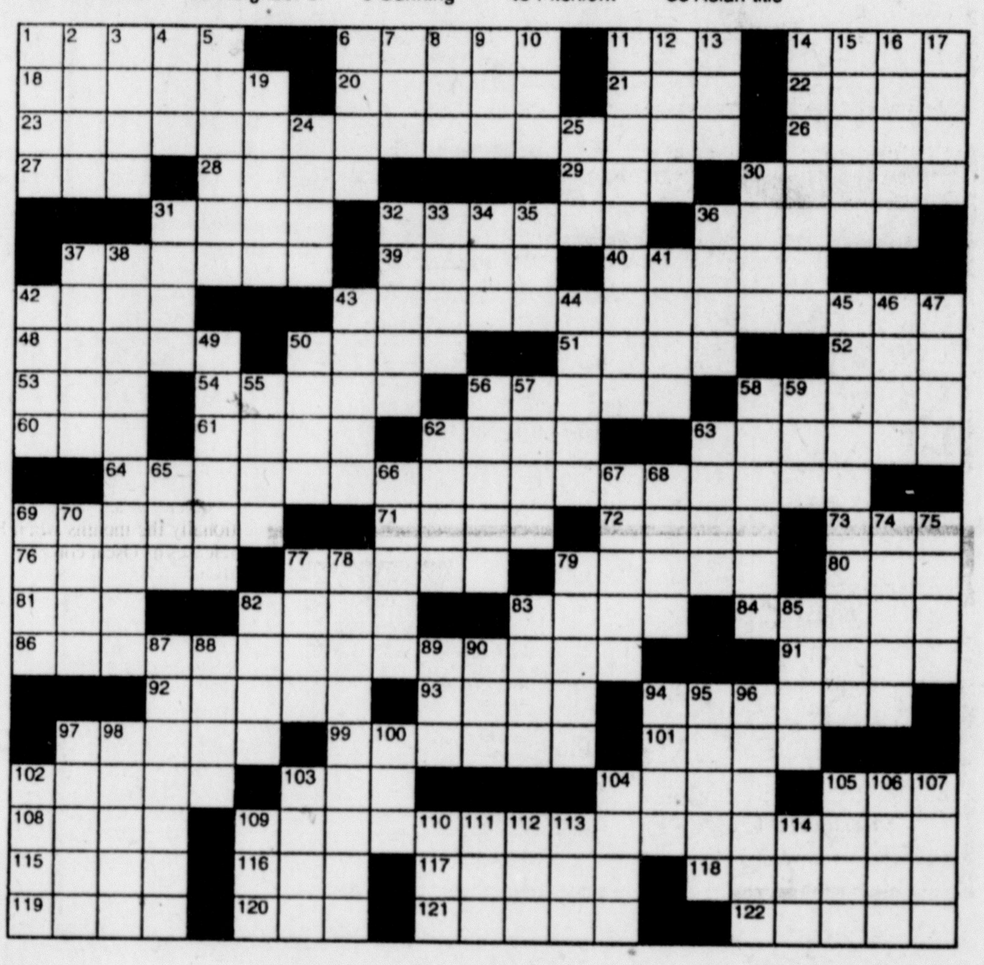




Super Crossword — WHEREABOUTS

ACROSS
1 Winning
6 In the know
11 Ingot
14 Nursery furniture
18 Hook's mate
20 Corday's prey
21 Flamenco dancer's shout
22 Mandlikova of tennis
23 "Sunrise Sunset" musical
26 Writer Hunter
27 Southern constellation
28 New Mexico resort
29 Med. test
30 Statistical focus
31 Unruffle
32 Reposes
36 Michael of "Little Voice"
37 Noxious atmosphere
39 Dock
40 Unburdens oneself
42 Ostentation
43 Alistair MacLean bestseller
48 On the — (defenseless)
50 Soft cheese
51 Schoenberg's "Moses und —"
52 —Magnon
53 Benjamin of The Cars
54 "Salome" character
56 Elbows
58 Implied
60 Like a bairn
61 Persia, today
62 Augur
63 Stratas or Stich-Randall
64 Hitchcock opus
69 Newspaper circular
71 Deride
72 Starting at
73 Gumshoe
76 Dirties
77 Impose Prohibition, e.g.
79 Propeller part
80 Actress Thurman
81 Part of USNA
82 Small businessman?
83 Fluctuate
84 Dais covering
86 Kiddie-lit classic
91 Envelope abbr.
92 — apso
93 Neighbor of Saudi Arabia
94 Rubble or Fife
97 Bobbin
99 Kyoto companion
101 Jai —
102 Thought-provoking
103 Our omega
104 Sacred image
105 Air-quality org.
108 Hasty
109 Old folk song
115 Kitchen addition?
116 Clay, later
117 Pale purple
118 Combat mission
119 Carries out
120 Regret
121 Grind one's teeth
122 Mike of "Austin Powers"

DOWN
1 — Romeo
2 It grows on you
3 Snorri's stories
4 Count up
5 Corinthian consonants
6 "— & Andrew" ('93 film)
7 Pallid
8 Cunning
9 Stadium shout
10 Nice season
11 Where to find romance
12 Easy as falling off —
13 Part pugilists
14 '66 Association hit
15 Glossy black
16 Pointless
17 Simple ring
19 Domain
24 Downey of "Touched by an Angel"
25 Agt.
30 Lauder powder
31 Promontory
32 Cuttlefish kin
33 Velez of "Mexican Spitfire"
34 "Annabel Lee" monogram
35 Pupil's place
36 Tribe
37 Opera's Grace
38 Striking
41 Cain's nephew
42 Freighter front part
44 Spoken for
45 Stress
46 Author Murdoch
47 "— creature was stirring . . ."
49 Prepares eggs
50 Grain husk
55 Part of Q.E.D.
56 Emulated Elle
57 Scent
58 — up (united)
59 "Exodus" protagonist
62 Submachine gun
63 Walked
65 — Aviv
66 VCR button
67 Black piano key
68 Hors d'oeuvre holder
69 "It — Right" ('56 song)
70 First zookeeper?
74 TV's "— Nest"
75 Columnist Herb
77 Geometry term
78 Williams' was glass
79 Botswana bigwig
82 List ender
83 Asian title
85 Asian title
87 Duds
88 Crow's-nest cry
89 — polloi
90 Printer's measures
94 Cantata composer
95 Fugard's "A Lesson from —"
96 Liberation
97 Cold-war assn.
98 Ersatz emerald
100 Cartoon cry
102 Hoarse horse?
103 South African native
104 Craving
105 "Harper's Bazaar" artist
106 Brace
107 Blows away
109 Gob
110 Actress Taina
111 Chinese principle
112 Stevedores' grp.
113 Advisory org.
114 Go for it



Please see answers on back page

Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, two digits have been entered in the diagram.



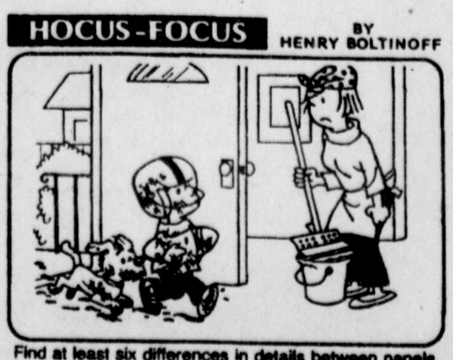
ACROSS
1. Three more than 17-Across
3. One-ninth of 11-Across
5. Digits of 19-Across reversed
7. Three times 8-Down
9. 3-Across plus 18-Across
11. Digits of 7-Across rearranged
14. 9-Across plus 11-Across
17. Three times 4-Down
18. Nine times 5-Across
19. 10-Down minus 14-Down

DOWN
1. Digits of 12-Down reversed
2. Twenty more than 5-Down
3. Seven more than 11-Down
4. 5-Down minus 1-Across
5. 3-Down minus 17-Across
6. One less than 4-Down
8. 6-Down times 13-Down
10. 3-Down plus 12-Down
11. 5-Across plus 1-Down
12. Consecutive digits in ascending order
13. 10-Down minus 6-Down
14. Five less than 16-Down
15. Four more than 2-Down
16. Two times 5-Down

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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by JoAnna M. Lund

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CRANBERRY COCONUT COBBLER

- *1 (4-serving) package sugar-free vanilla cook-and-serve pudding mix*
- *1 cup unsweetened orange juice*
- *2 cups fresh or frozen whole cranberries*
- *1 cup plus 2 tablespoons reduced-fat biscuit baking mix*
- *1/3 cup fat-free milk*
- *2 tablespoons fat-free sour cream*
- *1 1/2 teaspoons coconut extract*
- *3 tablespoons flaked coconut*

Preheat oven to 400 F. Spray an 8-by-8-inch baking dish with butter-flavored cooking spray. In a medium saucepan, combine dry pudding mix and orange juice. Stir in cranberries. Cook over medium heat until mixture thickens and starts to boil, stirring often. Spread cranberry mixture into prepared baking dish. In a large bowl, combine biscuit baking mix, milk, sour cream and coconut extract. Drop batter by tablespoonful to form 6 mounds. Evenly sprinkle coconut over top. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes. Place baking dish on a wire rack and let set for 5 minutes. Divide into 6 servings.

• Each serving equals: 150 calories, 2 g fat, 3 g protein, 30 g carb., 359 mg sodium, 2 g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch, 1/2 Fruit

Visit JoAnna's Web site at www.healthyexchanges.com or call her at 1-800-766-8961 for more information about her "common folk" healthy recipes.

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PORTS OF CALL
by Bethany Murray

Christmas in the Cotswolds

Imagine waking Christmas morning cradled in true English comfort at an old inn or manor house. The best part is, you don't have to do anything during your holidays but get up and eat.

To explore special holiday packages throughout the United Kingdom, go to www.breakswithtradition.com/seasonalbreaks/seasonalbreaks.htm. Here are a couple in the enchantment of the Cotswolds:

The Amberley Inn, located in National Trust common land and overlooking the Woodchester Valley, is a country inn whose restaurant specializes in organic and local food when possible. The festivities begin with tea on Christmas Eve, followed in the evening by a three-course dinner, a visit from Village carolers and, if you like, midnight mass at nearby Amberley Church. Begin Christmas morning by discovering the treats Father Christmas left for you. Aside from breakfast, drinks, a traditional three-course Christmas lunch and a light Spanish tapas buffet for dinner, the day is yours to enjoy as you like, perhaps with a refreshing walk or relaxing in the lounge with family and friends both old and new.

On Boxing Day (Dec. 26), go for a long walk, explore the local towns or take in a pantomime before settling down for a four-course dinner. Breakfast on the 27th concludes the package. (www.theamberley.co.uk)

The Bath Priory Hotel and Restaurant is an elegant country-house hotel originally built in 1835 as a private residence. On Christmas Eve, afternoon tea in the Drawing Room begins the festivities. Toast the evening at a champagne reception before your sumptuous dinner. If you'd like to attend midnight mass, there will be transportation to the Bath Abbey and a nightcap awaiting you on your return. Christmas morning, have breakfast and open your gifts, then head to the Abbey again for a morning service or take in some pampering at the Garden Spa. After a traditional Christmas lunch, enjoy parlor games with your fellow guests till a teatime topped off with a rich Christmas cake. Enjoy a light buffet dinner at your leisure.

On Boxing Day, sit down to a special champagne brunch, then spend the day as you please, perhaps taking in the beautiful city of Bath on a specially arranged walking tour. Later you can attend "Jack and the Beanstalk" at the Theatre Royal or join a wine tasting at the Priory. Live jazz will accompany your Boxing Day dinner. Check out the Christmas Shopping Reviver package too. (www.thebathpriory.co.uk)

During the first few weeks of December, hop on board the Cathedrals Express Christmas Carol Concert Special steam train for a day trip from London to one of England's cathedral cities. Choose among Salisbury, Canterbury, Ely, Chichester and Winchester. Go to www.steam-dreams.co.uk/latest/christmas.html for dates and more.

Send comments, ideas or tips to portsofcall2001@aol.com, or send letters c/o KFWS, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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CRITIC'S CORNER
By D.N.A Smith

Sneak Preview — Holiday Blockbusters

November and December are traditionally the months when Hollywood releases its Oscar contenders and family films. Here are are few flicks for your consideration:

NOVEMBER

Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat (Mike Myers, Alec Baldwin) — Mike Myers plays the titular feline in yet



Mike Myers as The Cat

another live-action retelling of a classic Dr. Seuss tale. Let's hope it's better than last year's abysmal "Grinch." (Nov. 21)

The Haunted Mansion (Eddie Murphy, Jennifer Tilly) — Like "Pirates of the Caribbean," this comedy is another movie based on a Disney theme-park ride. If "Mansion" is half as good as "Pirates," Disney will be raking in a boatload of E-tickets. (Nov. 26)

Big Fish (Ewan McGregor, Albert Finney) — Director Tim Burton presents another twisted tale based on the novel by Daniel Wallace. Albert Finney is a dying salesman who tells a highly embellished story of his life to his son (McGregor). Looks like freaky-good fun. (Nov. 26)

DECEMBER

The Last Samurai (Tom Cruise) — Cruise plays a Civil War vet who is invited to Japan to modernize the emperor's army. Mmmmkay ... (Dec. 5)

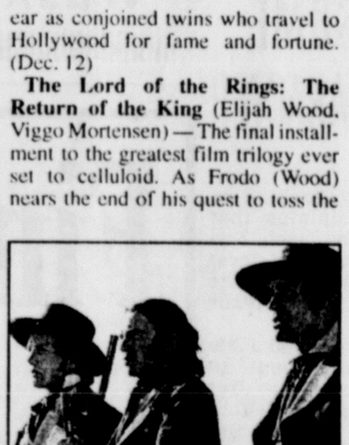
Stuck on You (Matt Damon, Greg Kinnear) — The Farrelly Brothers ("There's Something About Mary") latest comedy has Damon and Kinn-



Ian McKellan in "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King"

ear as conjoined twins who travel to Hollywood for fame and fortune. (Dec. 12)

The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (Elijah Wood, Viggo Mortensen) — The final installment to the greatest film trilogy ever set to celluloid. As Frodo (Wood) nears the end of his quest to toss the



Patrick Wilson, Billy Bob Thornton, and Jason Patric in "The Alamo"

ring into the fires of Mount Doom, Aragorn (Mortensen) rallies the forces of mankind against the armies of the evil Sauron. (Dec. 17)

The Alamo (Billy Bob Thornton) — Thornton plays Davy Crockett in this retelling of the Texas battle we're all supposed to remember. (Dec. 25)

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The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits.
—Unknown

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It is always easier to fight for one's principles than to live up to them.
—Alfred Adler

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Books

From Bush to Bush: The Lazlo Toth Letters
by Don Novello
(Simon & Schuster, $10.95)
Reviewed by David Smith

Crank calls are a dime a dozen these days. Every two-bit DJ in the country has made his share of them. But it takes the mind of a comedy genius to send crank letters, and there is only one man who has been doing it — and doing it WELL — for four decades: Lazlo Toth, American.

Toth is the bizarre alter-ego of comedian/actor Don Novello, mostly known for his portrayal of Father Guido Sarducci on the original "Saturday Night Live." Since the Nixon administration, Sarducci/Toth has been sending prank letters to everyone from presidents to CEOs to popes — and getting serious responses.

The third installment of the Lazlo Letters contains all the correspondence spanning the eras from the first Bush administration, through the Clinton/Gore years and ending at the beginning of Dubya's administration.

In one of the funnier letters in the book, Toth writes the management of the San Francisco Giants and proposes an all-dog aquatic baseball retrieval team to grab home run balls hit over the right field fence into the Bay. Giants management replied to Toth's letter and suggested a meeting to discuss the matter in greater detail.

In another great letter, Toth sends in a homemade application (and $1) to President Clinton asking to be Poet Laureate at Clinton's "reInauguration." "One question: I was wondering — Would it be all right for me to have my poem on cue-cards? Also, do I need boots? I have gloves, but I don't own winter boots. I just wondered what you thought the odds for snow were?"

"From Bush to Bush" is one of the funniest books I've picked up in years, and it when I read it, it was even funnier.

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John Cusack, Gene Hackman
4. **School of Rock** .....(PG-13)
Jack Black, Joan Cusack
5. **Mystic River** .....(R)
Laura Linney, Sean Penn
6. **Good Boy!** .....(PG)
Liam Aiken, Matthew Broderick
7. **Intolerable Cruelty** .....(PG-13)
George Clooney, Catherine Zeta-Jones
8. **Out of Time** .....(PG-13)
Denzel Washington, Sanaa Lathan
9. **Under the Tuscan Sun** (PG-13)
Diane Lane, Raoul Bova
10. **The Rundown** .....(PG-13)
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Surprise the family with a weekend breakfast or brunch of pancakes. Not the usual, but an extraordinary plate of cakes studded with toasted walnuts, flavored with cinnamon and topped with a sparkling, warm syrup.

You can stir up your own batter. But why should you when you can use a convenient and reliable boxed pancake/waffle mix? In the interest of time, toast the walnuts a day or two ahead and store them in a covered container.

Want to tickle the smaller tots? Go a step further and, using gingerbread man and lady cookie cutters, cut out shapes for gingerbread people pancakes. For those, we have another spicy batter recipe. Don't waste the leftover pieces. Keep them warm and serve them to Dad!

WALNUT PANCAKES WITH CRANBERRY SYRUP

- *1 cup Aunt Jemima syrup*
- *1/2 cup fresh or frozen cranberries**
- *2 cups Aunt Jemima Complete or Buttermilk Complete Pancake and Waffle mix*
- *1/2 cup walnuts, finely chopped***
- *1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon*
- *1 1/2 cups water*

Combine syrup and cranberries in small saucepan. Bring to boil over low heat. Cover and simmer 5 minutes or until cranberries burst. Keep warm.

Pour pancake mix into medium bowl. Add toasted walnuts and cinnamon; stir until well-combined. With wire whisk, stir in water. Mix just until large lumps disappear. Let stand 1 to 2 minutes to thicken. Pour slightly less than 1/4 cup batter for each pancake onto lightly greased hot skillet or griddle over moderate heat. Turn pancakes when bubbles form all over and some burst, and bottoms are golden brown. Serve with warm Cranberry Sauce. Makes 12 pancakes.

*Dried cranberries may be substituted. In that case, combine cranberries and syrup in small saucepan. Over medium heat bring to boil; reduce heat to low and simmer 8 to 10 minutes or until cranberries are softened.

**To toast walnuts, preheat oven to 350 F. Spread in single layer on baking sheet. Bake 7 to 9 minutes. Don't overbrown.

GINGERBREAD PEOPLE PANCAKES

- *3 1/2 cups Aunt Jemima Complete or Buttermilk Complete Pancake and Waffle Mix*
- *2 teaspoons ground cinnamon*
- *1 teaspoon ground ginger*
- *2 1/4 cups milk*
- *1/4 cup molasses*

Combine mix, cinnamon and ginger in large bowl; set aside. In medium-size bowl, combine milk and molasses with wire whisk until well-blended. Add milk-molasses mixture to dry ingredients in large bowl. Blend until large lumps disappear. Pour slightly less than 1/4 cup batter for each pancake onto lightly greased hot skillet or griddle over moderate heat. Turn pancakes when bubbles form all over and some burst, and bottoms are golden brown. Use a 2-inch person-shaped cookie cutter to make cut-out gingerbread people. If desired, press 2 or 3 blueberries down center to make buttons. Makes about 19 pancakes.

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PAGE FROM THE PAST

THE YOLO INDEPENDENT — FRIDAY, SEPT. 26, 1919.

ANOTHER LARGE PLANT BELIEVED TO BE DESTINED FOR LOCATION IN WEST SACRAMENTO

SITE HAS NOT BEEN DEFINITELY SETTLED BUT IT IS BELIEVED THAT LAND NEAR THE RICE MILLS OF WEST SACRAMENTO IS IN VIEW

of the S. P. bridge have been completed to the great satisfaction of auto owners. The floor of the bridge is in good shape for the winter at very little expense.

The warm weather of the past few days prompted three gypsy women to take a bath in the river last Tuesday at a point near the shipyard. The women could not be seen from the Yolo bank very well but were plainly visible from the Sacramento side. Innocent of wrongdoing they entered the water in the nude state just as nude as the day they were born. Playing around for a while they became aware at last that a crowd was watching them from the S. P. bridge and from the foot of I street. They sought shelter immediately and got dressed as quickly as possible. In the crowd at the foot of I street were noticed several of the noted reformers of Sacramento who were straining their eyes to get a good look.

Mrs. J. Van Auken, wife of a traveling salesman, who recently moved to Washington and is making a home in apartments at the home of Mrs. Celia Hart, has nearly recovered from a severe spell of sickness.

Mrs. Flossie Grigsby of Napa is visiting Mrs. Millie Valentine for an extended stay.

Mrs. E. L. Blackington is confined to her home through illness. Mrs. Blackington recently had all of her teeth removed and has not recovered.

The dance held in the school auditorium last Friday night by the Playground Committee was very well attended. It is planned to held another dance next Wednesday evening.

Mrs. I. K. Manchester severely burned both hands last Sunday when she dropped a boiling kettle of hot water on the floor.

Dr. D. B. Boyd of West Sacramento will leave in a day or two for another trip to India, Siam, Borneo and other Oriental countries in search of wild animals and curiosities. The last trip made by Dr. Boyd was a very profitable one, having secured many valuable specimens of which he disposed at good prices.

Mrs. Wm. Wilson is at home after a long visit in San Francisco and Oakland with relatives.

Following the announcement made a few days ago by the Chamber of Commerce of Sacramento that the Pettijohn Pure Food Porducts Company was about to locate in Sacramento, The Independent made inquiry concerning the site of the factory.

No definite information could be secured because the corporation is looking for some place close to the labor market and yet outside of the high tax district.

It is, therefore, fair to surmise that either West Sacramento or North Sacramento will be selected for this $200,000 plant.

The Pettijohn Company makes a specialty of pure food, such as cereals, potato chips and breakfast foods.

It is on that account that the presumption falls that West Sacramento will be the location, because there the factory would be in immediate proximity to the producing land of the district.

The concentration of factories in West Sacramento, such as have been seen during the past two or three years, is ample evidence that this location is favorable to the investing capitalist.

The bean warehouse was located to start the ball rolling and mostly on account of the fact that transportation facilities were available. Then the rice mills came, then the box factory, and the Horsts' two plants, while at this moment the United States Fiber Products Company has its first unit nearly completed.

If the Pettijohn corporation locates in West Sacramento, and it likely will, there will not be less than 1000 men busy during all seasons of the year in this factory center, and later on, should the Northern Electric shops be moved from Chico, the laboring men in the various plants will reach a total of probably 1500 hands.

BURGLAR SUSPECTED OF BEING SOME LOCAL CHARACTER

Many residents of Washington have come to be of the opinion that the tall burglar who has been trying to get into homes is some local character who is familiar with the habits of the people and their means of revenue.

Blair Manchester received his wages last Saturday and went to Wheatland Saturday evening. But about 11 p. m. the burglar tried to enter the Manchester home and failed when he was discovered by Erlan, Blair's brother.

Wednesday night, from all appearances, the same man tried to enter the Newton home on Second street. George Newton left the home at 4 a. m. for his work. At 4:30 a. m. Mrs. Newton heard him trying to pry the lock. She called, asking "Is that you George?" Again he made his escape. Probably he thought Mrs. Newton had brought home the receipts from the grocery store.

Last Friday night at attempt was made to get into the Peek home, but the burglar was scared away when Mr. Peek made a noise in getting out of bed.

The Simmons home on Fourth street was tried on Friday night after the failure at the Manchester house.

All the attempts point to the fact that the burglar knows the habits of the people and watches his chance to make a haul.

SALMON SEASON CLOSED DURING GOOD RUN OF FISH

Last Wednesday at midnight the salmon fishing season in this territory closed just at the time when a good run of fish was coming up stream.

Last week the supply was good, with an excellent demand and good prices prevailing.

Local fishermen profited splendidly during the season, although for some considerable time there seemed to be no fish in the river.

During the season the demand from outside points was strong, fish being shipped as far East as Boston.

The Pankost fishery pickled none of the catch because the demand for the fresh article was insistent.

Shad and catfish are being landed in small quantities, but not enough to encourage men to devote all their time to fishing.

"Baptist clergymen ... on

MANY STEAMERS AND BARGES FLOAT IDLY ON THE RIVER

Six barges and five steamers stood moored yesterday at the shipyards of the Sacramento Transportation Company waiting for an end of the strike that is now on.

A week ago every steamer and every barge was a veritable conveyor of wealth from the farms and warehouses along the river to tidewater.

The men on strike demand more wages and the boat owners claim that to grant their demands would mean bankruptcy for them.

With the restraining hand of the Railroad Commission over the owners, rates of freight cannot be raised and the margin between is too small to operate boats and barges at a profit.

Only a week ago Sacramento publicity agents were bragging of the prosperity on the water front. Yesterday the wind blew through the lonesome masts of the steamers and moaned a long farewell to prosperity.

The above mentioned boats and barges were not the only idle ones. There were many others at the Sacramento side of the river.

Is there a reckless spirit of strife in the air? Is there an unrest that bodes disaster for the country in the strike spirit that prevails.

YOLO TO PARTICIPATE IN BAY LAND SHOW.

Woodland, Sept. 24.—Yolo County will participate in the California Industries and Land Show according to arrangements just completed here by Fred Shaffer, Secretary of the Yolo County Chamber of Commerce.

"Everything grown anywhere is grown in Yolo," is the boast of that county which has recently covered itself with glory at the State Fair.

"We are proud of what Yolo produces," declared Shaffer, "and we are to have an uncompetitive exhibit at the California Industries and Land Show because of our loyalty to our State."

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Trustee Sale No. 030729 Title Order No. 1907888 APN 008-082-07-1 & 008-082-25-1 & 008-082-06-1 Notice of Trustee's Sale You are in default under a Deed Of Trust, Dated 5/18/2001, unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale. If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceedings against you, you should contact a lawyer. On 11/12/2003 at 11:00AM, Alliance Title Company, a California Corporation, as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, recorded on 6/29/2001, Instrument 2001-0022549-00, of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California executed by: Randy Carasco, an unmarried man, as Trustor David J. Murillo and Magdalena Murillo, as Trustee of the Murillo Family Trust, dated August 8, 1996, as Beneficiary will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the financial code and authorized to do business in this state.) At: On the main steps of the County Courthouse, 725 Court St., Woodland, CA, all right, title and interest conveyed to an now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: The land referred to in this guarantee is situated in the state of California, county of Yolo, city of West Sacramento and is described as follows: Parcel 1: All that portion of lot 39, Riverloam Acre, filed February 21, 1922 in book 3 of maps, page 46, Yolo County records, described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of said lot 39, said corner being located at the intersection of the center of Riverbank Avenue and Bryte Avenue, now known as Rice Avenue, as shown on said map; thence north 85 degrees 49' 40" east, 122.70 feet along the center line of Bryte Avenue, now known as Rice Avenue to the northeast corner of that certain parcel described in Deed, recorded August 22, 1947 in book 265 of official records, page 431. Said corner being the point of beginning; thence along the east line of said parcel, south 14 degrees 34' 40" west 120.00 feet to a point on the north line of certain parcel described in Deed recorded July 31, 1946 in book 243 of official records, page 471; thence along said north line north 85 degrees 49' 40" east 50 feet more or less to the southwest corner of that certain parcel recorded in Deed recorded January 11, 1947 in book 253 of official records, page 449; thence along the west line of the said parcel, north 14 degrees 34' 40" east 120.00 feet to the northwest corner of said parcel, also being a point on the center line of Bryte Avenue; now known as Rice Avenue; thence along said centerline south 85 degrees 49' 40" west 50 feet, more or less to the point of beginning. Excepting therefrom that portion described in Exhibits 1A, 1B, and 1C of Deed to the city of West Sacramento, recorded March 31, 1995, as instrument no. 95-0007086, Yolo County records. Parcel 2: A portion of lot 39 of Riverloan Acres, according to the official plat thereof filed February 21, 1922 in book 3 of maps, at page 46, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the northerly line of said lot 39, located on the center line of Bryte Avenue now known as Rice Avenue and from which the northwest corner of said lot bears south 85 degrees 49' 40" west 172.70 feet; thence from said point of beginning, north 85 degrees 49' 40" east 50 feet along the center line of Bryte Avenue now known as Rice Avenue; thence south 14 degrees 34' 40" west 220 feet to the south line of said lot; thence south 85 degrees 49' 40" west along said lot line 50 feet; thence north 14 degrees 34' 40" east, 220 feet, to the point of beginning. Note: The dimensions of the above described property are computed to the center line of Bryte Avenue now known as Rice Avenue 40 feet in width on the north. Excepting therefrom that portion described in Exhibits 1A, 1B, and 1C of Deed to the city of West Sacramento, recorded March 31, 1995, as instrument no. 95-0007086, Yolo County records. Parcel 3: All that portion of lot 39, Riverloan Acres, filed February 21, 1922 in book 3 of maps, page 46, Yolo County records, described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of said lot 39 said corner being located at the intersection of the center of Riverbank Avenue and Bryte Avenue, as shown on said official plat; thence north 85 degrees 49' 40" east, 122.70 feet along the center line of Bryte Avenue; thence south 14 degrees 34' 40 west 120.00 feet; thence south 85 degrees 49' 40" west 122.70 feet to a point on the center line of said Riverbank Avenue; thence north 14 degrees 34' 40" east 120.00 feet along said street center to the point of beginning. Note: The Dimensions of the above described property are computed to the center line of Bryte Avenue, now known as Rice Avenue, 40 feet in width on the north. Excepting therefrom that portion described in Exhibits 1A, 1B and 1C of Deed to the city of West Sacramento, recorded March 31, 1995, as instrument no. 95-0007086, Yolo County records. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: Parcel 1: Vacant land Parcel 2: 2771 Rice Avneue, W Sacramento, CA 95691 Parcel 3: 2791 Rice Avenue W Sacramento, CA 95691 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: $174,702.45 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary: David J. Murillo and Magdalena Murillo, as Trustee of the Murillo Family Trust, dated August 8, 1996 c/o Alliance Title Company Default Service Center 530 Alhambra Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95816 Phone No: (916) 551-1300 Sale information can be obtained on line at www.prioritypostingcom The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Date: 10/17/2003 Alliance Title Company, a California Corporation as Trustee Vickie Levas, Authorized Signatory P204054. 10/22, 10/29, 11/05/2003

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 17, 2003
File No. 2003-955

The following person is doing business as Document Fulfillment Services, 1600 Raley Court, #30, West Sacramento, CA 95691:

BIT California, LLC, 6955 Sierra Ct., #204, Dublin, CA 94568.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on .

/s/BIT California, LLC, by /s/ Steven Shill, Manager

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Oct. 17, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 10, 2003
File No. 2003-932

The following person is doing business as Kay's Body Shop Inc., R&K Septic and Tractor Service, 3080 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691:

Richard L. Holland and Vivian K. Holland, 3080 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/01/03.

/s/Richard Lynn Holland, President
/s/Vivian K. Holland, Vice President

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by: /s/Sara Pfeifle, Deputy Clerk

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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
FBN No: 2002-947

The following person has abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Service Team of Professionals of Davis, located at 1205 L Street, Davis CA 95616.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Yolo County on 22 Nov. 2002.

David Hill, 1205 L St., Davis CA 95616.

This business was conducted by /s/David Hill

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Freddie Oakley, County Clerk/ Recorder
By: /s/Linda Smith
Date: Oct. 22, 2003

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 6, 2003
File No. 2003-911

The following person is doing business as Capay Valley Florist, 16915 Yolo Ave., Esparto CA 95627:

Anna McNamara, 26821 Madison St., Esparto CA 95627.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on .

/s/Anna McNamara

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by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 17, 2003
File No. 2003-957

The following person is doing business as Chroma Salon, 1059 Court St., Suite 118, Woodland CA 95776:

Christina E. Martin, 6 Plane Ave., Woodland CA 95695.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on .

/s/Christina Martin

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Oct. 17, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF HEARING NOVEMBER 20, 2003

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider the following matters on Thursday, November 20, 2003, at West Sacramento Civic Center, Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at the times as specified or as soon thereafter as the matters may be heard.

6:00 p.m.

Zoning Administrator (ZA) Actions

Item #1

700 Riverpoint Circle Lot Line Adjustment (ZA 03-31)

This item is a request to adjust the common lot lines amongst three parcels resulting in two parcels of 7.6 and 5.3 acres respectively. (DT)

Regular Agenda

Item #2

A Look Ahead at 2004 Planning Programs and Projects

A discussion of existing and proposed planning projects for the 2004 calendar year. (SR)

/s/Stephen M. Patek, Director Community Development Department

If you challenge any of the above items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of West Sacramento at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Nov 5

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on November 19, 2003 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the following. The hearing will be held in the council chambers at the Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. Interested persons are invited to attend. In compliance with the ADA, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at 617-4500. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting. City hall is handicapped accessible.

1. Ordinance 03-16 amending the Zoning Map from General Commercial Planned Development 23 to Community Commercial Planned Development 45 and Resolution 03-95 amending the General Plan from General Commercial to Community Commercial for 74 acres known as Riverpoint. The property is located on the south side of Reed Avenue, east of Interstate 80, west of Harbor Blvd. A Negative Declaration has been prepared for the project.

Nov 5

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 24, 2003
File No. 2003-977

The following person is doing business as Family Barber Shop, 117 W. Main St., Woodland CA 95695:

Vicki L. Thompson, 331 Redwing Dr., Woodland CA 95695.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9/27/03. Previous fictitious business name number: 98-647.

/s/Vicki L. Thompson

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Date: Oct. 24, 2003
by: /s/Eleigh Fagel, Deputy Clerk

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Police log

(Unspecified date), 9 a.m.

Someone forced their way into a home under construction on Solomon Island Drive and threw paint around the premises.

(Unspecified date), 7:50 a.m.

A woman caused minor injuries on her boyfriend by hitting him. She was gone when police arrived, but located later and arrested.

(Unspecified date),

Two auto burglaries were reported on the 1500-block of South River Road.

(Unspecified date), 2:38 p.m.

An officer took a vandalism reported after a man reported that someone painted a swastika on the man's vehicle window. The vandalism was an ongoing problem.

(Unspecified date), 3 p.m.

West Sacramento police backed up the sheriff's department in a domestic dispute incident. A man and wife in a car were in a verbal dispute when the woman pulled the keys from the ignition, stopping the vehicle in the middle of the highway near I-80 and Reed Avenue.

Oct. 30, 4:16 a.m.

Officers visited an E Street residence with an arrest warrant for a 20-year old resident. One officer knocked, announcing "Police," and saying he had a warrant for the suspect's arrest. The man attempted to flee through a rear window, but was caught with help from a police dog unit.

Oct. 30, 2:50 p.m.

A 23-year old Sacramento man ate food at a West Capitol Avenue restaurant but had no money to pay. He was placed under citizen's arrest, and police took custody.

Oct. 30, 6:39 p.m.

A 36-year old homeless man hit a woman in her abdomen four times with his fist and then through her across a room, where she struck her back on a dresser. He was located and arrested on the 4800-block of West Capitol.

Oct. 30, 7:20 p.m.

An undercover officer offered a 30-year old woman on West Capitol Avenue $20 for a sexual favor, and the woman was arrested after she agreed.

Oct. 31, 2:58 a.m.

An officer contacted a 36-year old Sacramento man during a vehicle stop near Jefferson and Merkeley. The man was on probation. A search of the vehicle turned up baggies with suspected methamphetamine. He was arrested.

Oct. 31, 8:24 p.m.

An officer contacted a 60-year old Camino man in a car behind the 2300-block of West Capitol. On plain view on the seat was a homemade "billy club." The man was on probation. A steak knife was found in the glove compartment. The parole agent requested the suspect be taken into custody.

Nov. 1, 5:50 p.m.

A 38-year old West Sacramento woman was being booked into jail when methamphetamine was discovered in her possession, and she was then booked on the additional drug charge.

Nov. 2, 11:25 p.m.

An officer checked a car with occupants who were camping near the 3900-block of Lake Road. All the windows were obscured. A 47-year old transient man who was a passenger was found to be on parole. His wallet was searched, and an officer found two checks made out to the man. The suspect said he wrote them to himself after finding them in a trash can. He was on parole for forgery. He was arrested.

Nov. 2, 11:10 p.m.

Officers were dispatched to 5th Street for a domestic fight. A 39-year old man and his wife were intoxicated and fighting. The woman said the man pushed her and injured her, causing visible redness. The man had no injuries or pain. He was arrested.

Nov. 2, 11:48 p.m.

An officer contacted a 44-year old Sacramento man going into a Houston Street auto tow yard that was closed. The man was accompanied by a second suspect, 38. Both said they entered the yard because they needed parts for their cars. They were arrested.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APPROVAL OF FINANCING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC BENEFIT (Government Code §6586.5)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of West Sacramento has scheduled a public hearing to be held on November 12, 2003, at 7:30 p.m., during a regularly scheduled meeting, which begins at 7:00 p.m., for the purposes of considering the approval the financing of the acquisition by the City of the Clarksburg Branch of the Sierra Railroad. The public hearing will take place at the City Council Chambers located at 1110 West Capital Avenue, West Sacramento, California 95691. Questions concerning this matter should be directed to Leigh Keicher at (916) 617-4575.

Nov 5

PUBLIC LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to CA. Bus. and Prof. Code 21700 et seq. Harbor Self Storage, 541 Harbor Blvd., West Sacramento, California will for the purpose of satisfying lien for storage, sell at public auction at 09:45 AM the 20th day of November, 2003, the contents storage spaces named below, which consists of dirt bike, electric boat motor, piano, (2) wheel chairs, misc. personal property, household, garage & lawn equipment, misc. boxes & garbage bags of clothing and bedding.

Terms and inspection prior to sale.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 21, 2003
File No. 2003-970

The following person is doing business as Crop til ya' Drop, 1554 Limewood Rd., West Sac., CA 95691:

Nadine Zalutka, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 16 Oct. '03.

/s/Nadine Zalutka

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

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Local Scene

History society

'Reminisces of West Sacramento's agricultural past' will be featured at the Tuesday, Nov. 18, meeting of the West Sacramento Historical Society at the Turner Branch Library, 1212 Merkley Ave., from 6:30-8 p.m. Guest speaker will be Phyllis Iwasaki, whose family was among the Japanese-Americans in the local farming community. The public is invited.

College info

River City High School will offer college information to freshmen, sophomores and juniors at 6:30 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 12, in the school library. Students and parents are invited to learn more about requirements for two-year and four-year colleges.

RCHS beautification

A "beautification day" for the River City High School campus is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 15, from 8-1. Students can earn community service hours. Community members are invited to help with the clean-up and beautification. Call Pat Sulpizio, 371-4075, for more information.

4-H Club

The monthly community meeting for the West Sacramento 4-H Club has been changed to Wed., Nov. 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the Arthur Turner Library, 1212 Merkley Ave. The club is for children age 5-19 and offers citizenship lessons, community service and hands-on projects. Call 371-6412 for more information.

Art guild

The West Sacramento Art Guild will meet at 2 p.m. on Nov. 18 at Yolo High School, 920 Westacre Road. Park on Willow Street and enter between Yolo High and Marshall Preschool. The public is welcome. Call 371-3744 for information.

Art exhibits

The 'Second Saturday' art exhibits will continue with a showing by members of the West Sacramento Art Guild at the Arthur F. Turner Branch Library, 1212 Merkley Ave. A reception for the artists will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 8. The public is welcome. For information, call 371-3744.

Craft fair

Holy Cross School will host a craft fair from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 8 at the corner of Todhunter and Anna St. in West Sacramento. There will be handmade goods, gifts, treats, novelties, a raffle and more.

Raise Dickens

"Dickens in the Valley," a holiday home tour presented by Friends of Meals on Wheels, will return Sat., Dec. 6, as a fundraiser to benefit the meal program for homebound seniors. There will be a tour of at least six beautiful Woodland homes dressed up in holiday splendor. Tickets are $25. Call (530) 662-7035.

'Victorian holiday'

A 'Victorina Holiday' celebration and bazaar will be held Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 8-9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Yolo County Historical Museum (Gibson Mansion), 512 Gibson Road in Woodland. Donation is $2 for non-members; youth and members are free. Homemade food, crafts and plants for sale. The museum will be decorated with garlands, bows and trees.

Coats wanted

Donations of new or gently-used coats and socks are needed to help needy children in the area. Call the Volunteer Connection, a "Hands Together Program," at (530) 661-6636 to find a donation location near you.

Suicide support group

Suicide Prevention and Crisis Services of Yolo County will begin its "Friends and Family of Suicide Loss" support group for adults, meeting eight Wednesday evenings beginning Nov. 12 at the Suicide Prevention business office in Davis. No fee. Call (530) 756-7542 for information or to register.

Crab feed

The Alzheimers Aid Society will host its annual crab feed in memory of Joey Lopes on Sat., Nov. 15, beginning at 6 p.m. at the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Sacramento. There will be dining, music and dancing, along with a raffle. Donations or raffle prizes are welcome. Call 371-3549 for tickets or information.

Health award

The Salud Clinic Advisory Board is requesting nominations for the annual John Siden Award, given to someone who has given outstanding service in a health-related field or has otherwise contributed significantly to the health and welfare of the West Sacramento community. For information on criteria and making a nomination, call 375-6340.

Golden Years Club

The Golden Years Club of West Sacramento will have a catered Thanksgiving dinner at the VFW Hall, 905 Drever Street, at 6 p.m. on Nov. 18. For tickets or information, call 371-8479.

Bingo!

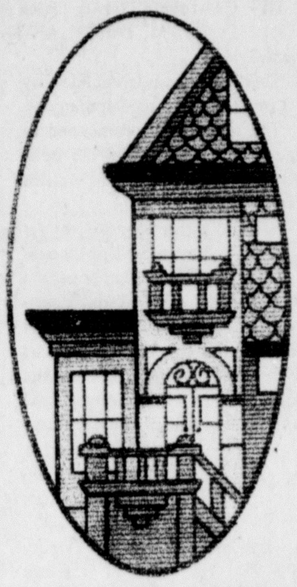
Soroptimist International is sponsoring "Bingo for Baskets," with the game combining with a tostada lunch, at 1 p.m. on Nov. 9 at VFW Post 8762 on Drever St. Prizes will be gift baskets and $25-$50 gift certificates. Bring a friend and your dauber. Proceeds benefit service projects.

Basketball

Signups are being accepted for the city parks department's youth basketball league, called the Jr. NBA and Jr. WNBA. Games are played weekends, with weekday practices. Age categories from 5-13. $45 per player includes jersey and award. Entry deadline is Dec. 5. Player evaluation is scheduled for Dec. 6 at Golden State Middle School, and all players and coaches must attend. Volunteer coaches are needed.

Call 617-4620.

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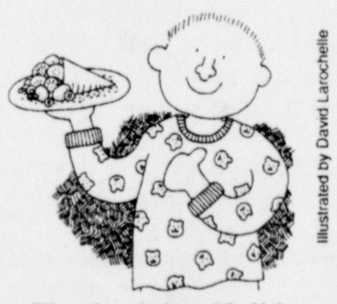


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Thanksgiving Holiday Helpers

As families anticipate the added "to-dos" this holiday season, I haven't been surprised to receive the same question from many of you in recent letters:

"How can I keep my preschoolers and school-age kids busy while my attention is shifting to extra baking, cleaning and holiday entertaining?"

When we want to be merry and bright, no one wants added stress!

But it isn't easy to pull off. After all, this is a special, bountiful time of the year, with festive days that will provide vivid memories for our children. Through the years I've tried to follow this simple motto: "When they irritate, get kids to participate!" In other words, get the kids involved in what you're doing as often as possible. Here are some simple, inexpensive and creative Thanksgiving activities for the wee ones on up.

2s AND 3s: PRINT A "WELCOME TURKEY"

Paint the palm and thumb of one of your child's hands with brown poster paint, then paint different colors on the underside of each of the fingers up to the tips. Guide your child's hand onto a sheet of construction paper to make a print that resembles a turkey, with fingers for tail feathers. Wash hands immediately in soapy water. Use a crayon or marker to draw two feet, a beak, an eye and a wattle. Print the name of a guest coming to your house below the turkey. Punch two holes across the top, add string for a hanger and hang over the doorknob of the guest room. Your child might want to make gobbler friends for every bedroom!

4s AND 5s: CORNUCOPIA BREAKFAST TREAT

On Thanksgiving morning, set out ingredients for a creative breakfast for the whole family. While you put the turkey in the oven, your helpers can fill sugar cones with yogurt for each person. Set each one on its side on small plates sprinkled with crushed shredded wheat. Arrange grapes, kiwis, banana slices, raisins, cereal, etc., around the opening of the cone to look like a horn of plenty.

Write Donna with your questions and ideas at www.donnasday.com. Donna's newly released book, "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families," is now available in bookstores nationwide.

Unwanted newborns: safe places in W. Sac.

The City of West Sacramento has announced that each of the city's four fire stations will become a "safely surrendered baby" site beginning November 1.

The program is authorized by the state to allow the legal surrender of unharmed, unwanted babies within three days of birth to such designated sites. Within those guidelines, parents need not fear prosecution.

Some hospital emergency rooms also participate in the "Safe Haven" program, and such sites display a blue and white emblem with an infant on an outstretched hand.

Babies received at these sites will be medically examined and treated, if necessary, and directed to a foster home or adoption.

The fire stations in West Sacramento are also "Project Safe Place" sites, providing immediate shelter for youths escaping crisis situations.

The stations are located at 132 15th Street near Jefferson Blvd.; 3585 Jefferson Blvd. near Davis Rd.; 1561 Harbor Blvd. near Industrial Blvd.; and 905 Fremont St. near Kegle Dr.

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History never looks like history when you are living through it. It always looks confusing and messy, and it always feels uncomfortable.

—John W. Gardner

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I was born with the impression that what happened in books was much more reasonable, and interesting and real, in some ways, than what happened in life.

—Anne Taylor

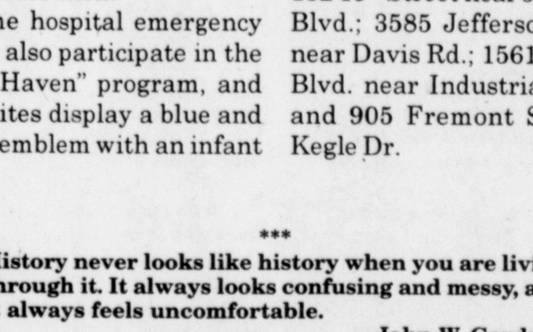
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People pay for what they do, and still more for what they have allowed themselves to become. And they pay for it very simply, by the lives they lead.

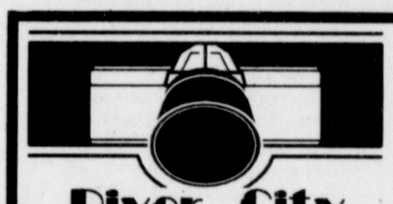
—James Baldwin

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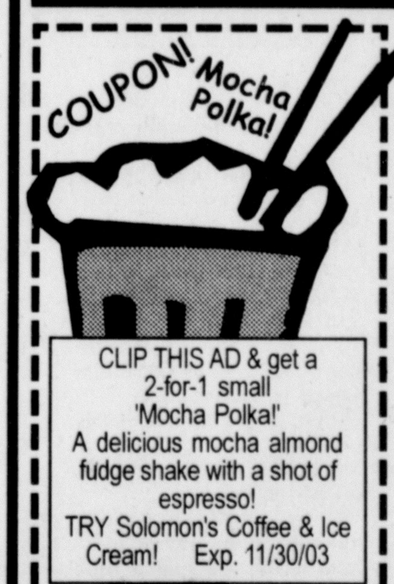
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Answers to Sports Quiz (p. 3) & Puzzles (p. 8)

Answers

1. Ted Williams was the team's first skipper (the team moved from Washington after the 1971 season).
2. The St. Louis Cardinals in 1989.
3. John Madden (Oakland), Bill Cowher (Pittsburgh), Jon Gruden (Oakland and Tampa Bay).
4. Texas in 1986, Connecticut in 1995 and 2002, and Tennessee in 1998.
5. The Minnesota Wild's Andrew Brunette.
6. Three (one gold medal and two bronze).
7. Steve Jones in 1989.

Rational Numbers — answers

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Differences: 1. Picture has been added. 2. Mop is different. 3. Vacuum cleaner has been added. 4. House is missing. 5. Window in door is gone. 6. Boy is wearing cleats.

